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British critics resent Kohl rescue

Germany bails out franc to preserve ERM

By Charles Bremner in Paris and John Phillips in Rome

A BARRAGE from the combined artillery of the French and German governments slaught on the franc, but they may have won only a reprieve in their battle to resist any further realignment in the European Monetary System. Chancellor Helmut Kohl

ordered his troops to the rescue of the beleaguered French currency hours after agreeing with President Mitterrand that the ERM must be defended at all costs. As a fundamentally strong currency closely linked to the mark, the franc is effectively the last line of defence for a system in danger of unravelling.

The Bank of France and the Bundesbank issued a rare joint statement saying existing exchange rates between their two nations' currencies cor-rectly reflected the reality of their economies, and that no change of rates was justified.

The political impact of the battle for the franc is less severe than the implications of the run on the pound for the British government. Interest rates are less sensitive in France than in Britain because mortgages and loans

In language that echoed that of British ministers a week earlier, Michel Sapin, the French finance minister. declared war on speculators. "When you are faced with speculation, the only thing to do is to make them pay the price for their speculation ... During the Revolution, such people were beheaded," he said. Sources at his ministry

said the French government saw the attack on the franc as an attack on the whole EMS and would defend it at all cost.

At the same time, the Bank of France raised a key interest rate and intervened on a heavy scale to buy francs, pushing the currency up by three pfennnigs against the mark to 3.3935 within minutes. The franc closed in Paris at 3.41, slightly beneath its floor in the ERM of 3.4305.

The Bundesbank has had to spend DM60 billion in the past week, largely in vain efforts to prop up the lira and the pound, but also to support other endangered currencies, including the franc, peseta, punt and Danish kroner. Crit-ics in Britain have accused Germany of doing more to support the franc than it did to support the pound, but in

Looks like the

spent more to support sterling because of ERM rules. However the Bundesbank was more supportive in its public statements about the general level of the franc than it was about the exchange rate of

that the Germans made more effort to save the franc knowing that if it collapsed this would mean the end of the ERM. If the pound collapsed, it would mean only that Britain had to leave the ERM.

The continuing turmoil in the ERM came as Community leaders spoke of the need for changes to the Maastricht treaty but stopped short of calls for renegotiation. Herr Kohl called for an "interpretive statement" on the treaty to reassure Europeans that they would not lose their national identities, but said he was against reopening formal

negotiations.

Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, also called for additional protocols to make the treaty more democratic and open, but ruled out renegotiation, saying this could open a Pandora's box that would delay the process per manently or kill it altogether. The Italian prime minister, Giuliano Amato, said yester day that he would suppo Continued on page 16, col 8

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survives lion cubs David Mellor last night faced the press accusers

Latter-day

Daniel

tho have put his career in jeopardy. Tim Jones was

With a confidence of a man who believes he has done no wrong. David Mellor last night walked into the lion's den of his press accusers, looked them in the eye, and defended his position. He maintained a constant smile and there was about him the air of a man determined to tough out any

For the first time in many years, the Newspaper Press Fund's annual fund-raising reception had been doorstepped by journalists and television cameras. Mr Mellor made his entrance not only boldly and bravely but

Although some of the lions that had threatened in print to tear his limbs apart were present, they stood back as their cubs asked the awkward questions. After a 10-minute savaging during which he reiterated his refusal to resign, Mr Mellor was freed by his hosts to deliver his official speech in which he compared himself with Daniel in the

Patsy Chapman, editor of the News of the World, said: "He has got sheer guts coming down here, he is very brave." Richard Stott, who was editor of The People newspaper when it reported his family holiday with Mona Bauwens, said: "I always attend these occasions. I have no reason to speak to the

DAVID Mellor's cabinet future appeared increasingly Conservative MPs called for his resignation amid fresh allegations that he accepted Arab hospitality on a second all-expenses paid holiday.

Under fire: David Mellor, heritage secretary, besieged by journalists as he arrived at the National Gallery in London yesterday

One senior Conservative MP said the national heritage secretary would be "wise to go before 2.30", when the Commons returns for the emergency debate on the economy. Mr Mellor's friends were still insisting last night that he

had no intention of resigning and John Major was maintaining his loyalty to his friend. But the Tory MPs criticism, coupled with new allegations about his conduct. provoked speculation at Westminster that the question was no longer if Mr Mellor would

The party's most senior backbench MPs, the 1922 committee executive, will meet privately this afternoon to decide whether to advise the

" as guests of Skeikh Zayed of Abu Dhabi in 1989. One an of the Tory party, said yesterday that if David executive member said: "To show poor judgement on so Mellor breached governmany occasions must make ment guidelines on acceptyou wonder about his judgeing gifts he should resign. ment as a minister." He is the most senior

Senior Tories call for Mellor

to resign after new allegations

party figure publicly to national heritage secretary, stepped up the pressure with a future...... Diary, page 12 letter to Mr Major questioning the minister's conduct. The letter follows allegations, prime minister to drop Mr which Mr Mellor denies, that Mellor. One member of the he sought help from the executive reported that the British embassy to reconnect great majority of Tory MPs the water supply while on

holiday with Mona Bauwens

in Spain. Mr Gould said: "While this is in itself a relatively trivial incident, it throws new light on Mr Mellor's concepts on what is right and proper conduct for one of Her Majesty's minis-Mellor insisted that he telephoned the consulate only to ask for advice.

The secretary of state himself continued to stand firm. Arriving for a seminar at the National Gallery in London. He said that as far as he was concerned, it was "business as

Major to push for reform of 'flawed' money system

By Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster

JOHN Major will today step up his demands for reform of the European exchange-rate mechanism by maintaining that the battering taken by the franc yesterday confirms that the system is flawed.

Downing Street said that the wave of speculative selling that forced a big rise in French interest rates was further evidence of the "significant stress-es" within the ERM that the prime minister wants addressed at the EC summit he has called for October 16.

When MPs return to Parliament today to debate the economy. Mr Major will ask them to back a motion endorsing government economic pol-icy. He and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will deny that there has been a policy U-turn. arguing that exceptional pres-sures forced sterling out of the

Only a handful of Conservative Euro-sceptics are expected

to withhold their support for the government in what many accept will amount to a confidence vote. The debate, however, seems certain to reflect the divisions that have resurfaced among Conservatives since Britain left the ERM.

The Labour leadership, which last night firmly rejected support for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty and adopted an avowedly pro-European stance, is determined to exploit the govern-ment's frailty and Mr Major's abandonment of his repeated commitments to defend ster-

ling within the ERM. John Smith, who will be making his first Commons speech as Labour leader, yesterday isolated shadow cabinet critics of his European line. Bryan Gould let it be known that he would abide by collective responsibility after earlier failing to support the new statement, but his future remained in doubt after the disclosure that he would today preside over the launch of a policy paper attacking the leadership's ERM position.

Sir Edward Heath led a counter-attack by the Conservative pro-Europeans when he said it was intolerable for currency speculators to be allowed to run Europe's economies. He said the only way to stop the speculators was to have a single currency. There is so much money in the hands of speculators that they have been allowed to pick off one country after another. They are now trying to pick off the French," he said.

Sir Edward urged Mr Ma-jor to reaffirm his commitment to place Britain at the heart of Europe, to put sterling back into the ERM as soon as practicable and to ratify the Maastricht treaty.

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Perot seeks concessions on economy from rivals

ROSS Perot, the Texas billionaire who is threatening to reenter the American presidential race, has held meetings with the Bush and Clinton camps, it emerged yesterday.

James Baker, who is in

campaign, had talks at his Washington home with Mr Perot two days ago. An earlier meeting took place in New York with Ron Brown, chairman of the Democratic party. The discussions were at Mr Perot's request. He is talking

is addressing America's economic problems. It is thought he was trying to find out the extent to which Mr Bush and Bill Clinton were ready to face budget deficit, spending cuts and tax increases. If Mr Perot joined the fray, this could ben-efit Mr Bush, but the Republicans are worried that he might

he says that neither candidate

feit that Mr Melior had be-

would hinge on whether members believed Mr Mellor

breached the spirit of the code of conduct for ministers on

accepting favours or hospital-

ity rather than his affair with

Antonia de Sancha. Besides

the Mellors' all-expenses paid

holiday in Spain in 1990, it

was alleged yesterday that they had enjoyed "lavish hospital-

come an embarrassment. The committee's advice

still endorse Mr Clinton. Perot comeback, page 7

3,000 jobs lost as BAe closes Hatfield factory

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BRITISH Aerospace yesterday announced the loss of 3,000 jobs and the closure of its historic Hatfield plant as part of a £1 billion reorganisation of its loss-making regional aircraft

By GEORGE STYELL

Two thousand jobs will be lost at Hatfield, the birthplace of the de Havilland, Mosquito, Comet and Trident aircraft. Another 1,000 workers will go at Woodford and Chadderton, near Manchester.

The company also revealed a bigger than expected loss of £129 million for the first half of 1992, sending the share price down by 86 pence to 113 pence. John Cahill, the recently appointed chairman of British Aerospace, said: "For every pound of profit we made on defence we were losing 96p on regional aircraft."

John Weakley, the chief aerospace negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, predicted that up to 3,000 service jobs would also be lost in Hatfield when the factory closes at the end of next year. BAe has cut 43,000 jobs since 1990.

A new joint venture is planned between the company and the Taiwanese Aerospace Corporation. Production of the advanced turboprop airplane is to be transferred to Prestwick in Scotland. The company has applied to the Department of Trade and the Scottish Office for a grant to assist with transfer costs.

Details of BAe's joint venture with Taiwan have not yet been finalised. If it falls through and the BAe 146 plane is scrapped, British Aerospace says that its £1 billion provision will cover the cost of complete closure. The joint venture is intended to produce the

BAe 146 in both countries. The impact of the £1 billion provision on the British Aerospace balance sheet envisages only a 3p interim dividend. It will be paid late because shareholder and court approval will be required for the necessary financial reconstruction. In the first half of last year. British Aerospace paid an 8.9p a share

The City was appalled by the news from British Aerospace. One analyst said: "I am obviously staggered. The losses at the regional aircraft division were much bigger than expected and the cost of rectifying them is much greater than we thought."

British Aerospace said that if production of the BAe 146 had ceased, then 7,500 British Aerospace jobs would have been lost, plus another

20.000 at components suppliers. The Labour party said that the news went beyond job losses and would affect the very future of Britain's manufacturing industry. Derek Fatchett, its shadow trade minister, said: "Today's announcement is another milestone in the decline of

British high technology industry." Tim Webb, the national officer of the white-collar Manufacturing Science and Finance Union, said that unlike the British government, the Taiwanese government was looking to the future. "There will be a transfer of technology from this country to Taiwan," he said. "The aerospace industry is crucial to the national economy and if that fails the whole of the economy will go down with it."

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Two characters in search of the leading role

JOHN Major and John Smith last faced each other across the Commons dispatch box as Chancellor and shadow chancellor on November 14,

Although the Tory leadership contest had just begun, Mr Smith did not even mention the possibility that Mr Major might be the eventual winner, as he was less than a formight later. It was not a glittering oratorical exchange. but many of the themes will recur in this afternoon's debate. Mr Smith wondered what the slogan would be for the next Tory party conference - "The challenge of leader-ship," "Combating unfore-seen circumstances," and "Catching the train to

Europe. For both Mr Major and Mr Smith, today's debate will be not only their first direct

JOHN Smith yesterday closed

the door on Labour support

for a referendum and isolated

shadow cabinet critics of closer

Bryan Gould, the shadow

national heritage secretary and the leading Euro-dissi-dent was still in his job last

night after agreeing to accept shadow cabinet collective re-

sponsibility for a European stance about which he is

clearly unhappy.
But he will put the doctrine

under immediate strain today

by chairing the launch of a

policy group's pamphlet that accuses the Labour leadership

of betrayal in its move towards

an enthusiastic European

stance, including support for

the exchange rate mechanism. At the same time Mr Gould

will return to his criticism of

the ERM and Maastricht in

an article in the New States-

man to be published only

hours after he agreed to back a

Earlier, when the paper was

discussed by the national exec-

urive Mr Gould felt unable to

support it and abstained. By

not resigning after the shadow

cabinet endorsed it he was

making plain that he accepted

Supporters of Mr Gould

argued last night that the

article was written before yes-

terday's meetings of the nat-

ional executive and shadow

cabinet and that he could not

fairly be accused of breaching

achieve a united front and give

himself the strongest possible platform for today's emergen-

cy Commons debate, persuad-

ed the two meetings to adopt a

paper strongly reaffirming

Labour's Europeanism. It ac-

cepted the creation of a single

currency, stable but adjustable

exchange rates and eventual

backing for a reformed ERM,

provided it is coupled with

measures to improve the

The paper made no refer-

ences in referendums or Lab-

our tacties on the Maastricht

strength of the economy.

Mr Smith, determined to

collective responsibility.

policy paper endorsing both.

LABOUR

European integration.

confrontation as prime minister and Leader of the Opposition but also a crucial test of their leadership.

Mr Smith has the easier case to make, but is also under the burden of the highest expectations. He made his name as a Commons debater when the government was in disarray during the Westland crisis of January 1986. Using all his Scottish advocate's skills, he exploited weaknesses in the government's position with wit and forensic skill. Labour MPs are looking for a repeat performance.

His speech will concentrate on the changes in government policy over Europe, particularly the floating of the pound. He will, one Labour adviser said yesterday, try "to force Mr Major to eat enormous numbers of words". Mr Smith has also been trying to ensure that

treaty bill when it returns to

the Commons. Early at the NEC meeting, the left, backed

by Mr Gould, proposed a referendum on Maastricht but

Later, David Blunkett, the

shadow health secretary, pro-

posed another amendment

suggesting that Labour should

leave open the door on a

Mr Smith was in no mood

to compromise and the pro-

posal was defeated by 22 votes

to six. Mr Blunkett was

backed by Mr Gould, Clare

Short, Joan Lestor, Dennis

Skinner and Tony Benn. Margaret Beckett, Labour

deputy leader, dismissed the

pro-referendum lobby, declar-ing they were fighting the battles of the 1975 vote on

whether Britain should stay in

the Common Market. She

said: "It is becoming increas-

ingly dear that those who are calling for a referendum in the

political world are, in almost

all cases, really calling for us to

leave the European Commun-

Mrs Beckett added: "That

issue was settled nearly 20

years ago. The Labour party

Smith's blood, You can't move

him." Mr Benn said: "I am

naturally disappointed." He predicted widespread public

support for a campaign for a

referendum.

Opening the executive de-

bate, Mr Smith said the party

the second division."

sees no merit in reopening it.

with that Community."

referendum at a later stage.

they were heavily defeated.

Smith freezes

out shadow

cabinet

dissidents

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MAJOR v SMITH

Peter Riddell considers the precedents and background to this afternoon's heavyweight clash in the Commons

Labour presents a reasonably united front after the recent divisions. The overwhelming majority at yesterday's meeting of the national executive committee for a statement supporting closer European integration and the exchangerate mechanism gives Mr Smith the backing he wants even though Tory MPs will still be able to point to Bryan

Gould's open dissent. Mr Major faces the obviousharder task, because of the big gaps in government policy. In the week since the forced abandonment of the ERM,

ministers have sought to assemble a new European and economic policy, though there has been uncertainty within Whitehall itself about where the government stands. One senior official commented that he knew what the policy was

only when he heard what

Norman Lamont had said. Mr Major will argue that the narrow French vote and the unresolved Danish situa-tion mean that it is impossible to be precise about the Maastricht treaty until after the EC summit next month. He will claim that events are moving

in Britain's direction, despite evidence of a closer Bonn-Paris axis.

On the economy, Mr Major and Mr Lamont, who will speak at the end of the debate, will claim that there has been no U-num since sterling was forced out of the ERM as a result of exceptional pressures and there has been no change in the basic goal of noninflationary growth. He will be able to point to this week's pressure on the French franc as evidence that the ERM needs to be reformed. But they will be under pressure to explain the apparent change in policy of the past week - the contrast in past and present attitudes to floating and why it is only now possible to cut interest rates. There are worries in the City that the easing of monetary policy will result in higher inflation and

postpone a return to the ERM.

The cabinet will this morning discuss the precise line on the Maastricht treaty and the timing of re-entry into the ERM. There are clear divisions on this between a majority of ministers favouring a return within a few months, if not weeks, and others, a minority including some in the Treasury, supporting a

long delay.

Mr Major will, for the first time in his premiership, be on the defensive, though, previously, when he was a social security minister, he showed his qualities as a partisan fighter when under pressure He is assured of the support of his own backbenchers for a motion expressing support for overnment economic policy. But Tory backbenchers will be looking for him to provide a clear lead.

Three-wheel advocate

Herr Bangemann, large of frame and personality, said he had come to explain the Commission's latest directive. aimed at standards of harmonisation for two and three-wheel vehicles. In the present circumstances, he said. "one would get the impression that the work of

explained".

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than my conscience is asking me these days." Sitting beside him. Bruno de Thomas, spokesman for the commission's president. Jaco Delors, nodded approvingly.

But everybody knows it is never long before Herr Bangemann pushes the self-

subsidiarity.

in dirty magazines.

runs into

CONTROVERSY and Martin Bangemann press confer ences always walk hand in hand. So it was yesterday, when the jovial German commissioner for the single market strode grinning into the midday briefing for

the EC has to be constantly

He even hinted that he customary loquacity. "I've got to be a little more cautious

"Take pornography," he said. "It is controlled when it comes into Britain but when it is produced and distributed there it is deemed OK. I can only assume that British por-

Unwittingly, Herr Bangemann had clouded a debate on EC decision making by calling for a free market

M de Thomas could be seen cringing at his side, but it was too late. Herr Bangemann was back in his stride, this time on condom harmonisation. It is not the image that Brussels needs at the moment.

trouble BY TOM WALKER

would do his best to curb his

destruct button. The moment came when he tried to explain

nography is somehow less

Sadly for Herr Bangemann.

when he emerged from the conference not a press release on two and three-wheel vehides was to be found, and he himself could not remember the exact contents of the directive. He had singularly failed to explain what he had come to explain, but at least we know his views on pornography.

Bryan Gould, Labour's chief Euro-sceptic, leaving the NEC meeting yesterday

New policy attempts to seize high ground on Europe

Supporters of a referendum later expressed their disappointment at the NEC deciturmoil over Europe, Labour's sion. Mr Skinner said: "It is a new policy statement is a clear very poor document. It is as if last week never happened. It is attempt by John Smith to take the high ground for his party (Philip Webster writes). so pro-Common Market it is unbelievable." Mr Skinner said: "I believe Europe is in

In a high risk strategy after last week's upheaval on the foreign exchange markets, the paper expressly endorses the principle of the exchange-rate mechanism and blames Britain's withdrawal last week on Conservative economic mismanagement and the underlying weakness of the economy.

"is determined to ensure that In a strong restatement of Britain remains in the first division in Europe and is nei-Labour's Europeanism, the ther sidelined nor relegated to document says the British economy will continue to be closely integrated, both financially and industrially, with Kohl bales out franc, page 1 Europe in crisis, page 11 Peter Millar, page 12 Leading article and

"We cannot be expected to be able to defend our national interest or contribute to the progress of our own continent if Britain is pushed to the

periphery." It says that Labour supports "the principles of a managed system of fixed but adjustable exchange rates agreed through international co-operation". But it says that Labour has always agreed that for entry into the ERM to work successfully would re-quire an economic and industrial policy designed to boost

"It is Conservative economic mismanagement which lies at the heart of the present weakness of the pound and its withdrawal from the ERM. Clearly any re-entry into the ERM requires the adoption of policies which strengthen our weakened economy

The document, Europe: Our Economic Future, commits Labour to backing stronger controls to diminish the power and role of speculators. It says that the dramatic events of

Labour's past stance that real economic convergence is "a vital pre-condition" of economic and monetary union. "Just as the ERM did not cause the recession, neither will our departure from it guarantee recovery." The paper says that Britain should initiate discussions on

the problems that arise from the Danish rejection of Maastricht, "Unless that is done Parliament cannot proceed with the ratification bill. The Labour party recognises that recent events have produced a new and dynamic situation in Europe. This requires flexibility in the response of the whole Community in order to win the support of the people for a new way forward."

creation of a single currency

would guarantee an end to

currency speculation within

the Community. It underlines

Tories to rally round Major

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By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

MOST Conservative MPs intend to put aside their differences over Europe and close ranks behind the prime minister in today's debate over the government's handling of the sterling crisis.

Leading members of the Tury Euro-sceptic faction indicated yesterday that they would "rally round the flag" as John Major defends himself against a Labour onslaught led by John Smith, its leader. Some of Mr Major's sternest critics on his own benches are prepared to back him in ionight's vote on a motion supporting the government's

economic policy. But a show of strength in the division lobbies will mount only to a temporary reprieve. During the debate, the government will come under attack from its own side, and its critics will signal their intention to return to the fray if Mr Major attempts to reintroduce the bill ratifying the Maastricht treaty or to rejoin the European exchange-rate

mechanism (ERM). Mr Major will also come under pressure from senior figures on the other side of the ERM at some time in the

party divide not to drop his pro-European stance. Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, said yesterday that he wanted Mr Major to reaffirm his goal of putting Britain at the heart of Europe. He should leave his critics in no doubt of his intention to rejoin the ERM as soon as practicable and to ratify the

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treaty. A single currency was the only way to stop currency speculators running the country, Sir Edward said.

James Cran, a joint-secretary of Fresh Start. a new grouping centred on the 22 anti-Maastricht second-reading Tory rebels, said that the vote would become one of confidence in the government. "I want to argue with a Conservative government not a Labour one," Mr Cran, MP for Beverley, said. "Tomorrow is an onslaught on the government by the Opposition. On that sort of day. I am with the

future would be a very grave disappointment to us." Sir Teddy Taylor, secretary

of the Conservative European Reform Group (CERG), said that he was looking for clear commitments from the government over the ERM and Maastricht. "The government must agree before considering going back into the ERM, or any other form of exchangerate mechanism, to have a debate and a vote in Parliament." William Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, said that the government's policies had failed and that ministers had to explain why they had been constructed on a European basis in the first place.

Conservative Way Forward, the free-market splinter group led by Baroness Thatcher and backed by Lord Tebbit, Lord Parkinson and Sir George Gardiner, Tory MP for Reigate, attacked the government over dealings with Brussels bureaucrats. An editorial in Forward, its magazine, drew parallels between the "appeasement" of Adolf Hitler in the thirties and attitudes towards those advocating a

Gummer scorns sceptics

BRITAIN will have no chance of managing its economy successfully and protecting the environment unless it retains a place at the heart of Europe, John Gurumer, the agriculture minister, said yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes).

"Those who resent the power of strong currencies cannot ignore them. We are directly affected in or out of the ERM," he told a conference in Cambridge on environment-sensitive farming. "Britain does not lose sovereignty by being a member of a wider international discipline any more than we would regain sovereignty by withdrawing from it."

Later Mr Gummer scornfully dismissed the "with one bound we are free" view of Britain's departure from the ERM. The Swedish experience showed that was not true, he said. Inside or outside, Britain could not allow its interest rates to become "out of kilter" with those in the rest of Europe.

Nationalists find a refuge in UK crisis

By Kerry Gill

COWED rather than bloodied after losing three of its five parliamentary seats at the general election, the Scottish National Party, which began its annual conference in Perth yesterday, sought a way out of its problems by concentrating on the economic problems which have enveloped the UK.

Rather than making excuses for his party's failure to achieve a promised 40 per cent of the Scottish vote, Alex Salmond, the leader, said the events of the last week had once and for all contrasted the benefits of Scottish independence with Britain's bank-

Few could argue that the timing of the conference could have been better for a party that five months ago was. promising a Scotland "free by '93". Mr Salmond, the sole political leader who forecast the destabilisation of sterling two years ago when Britain entered the ERM, said the conference must be the launching pad of a new campaign that would ensure victory at the next general election.

The nationalists' four-year plan, in which members will seek to improve organisation. publicity and finances, will begin in earnest within the next few weeks. Activists will

SNP

campaign on the streets to warn over impending privatisation of water and the dangers of hitching the country to a government that may never regain its credibility. Party leaders refused to

acknowledge any mistakes they may have made in the run-up to the general election. Margaret Ewing, MP for Moray and the parliamentary leader, said: "The economic crisis shows why we must have independent Scottish control of our economy, free from the disastrous quack medicine of Westminster." She said that the fact that one in five Scots had voted for the SNP provided a sound foundation.

Piper Alpha owners sue rescue ship firm

The Occidental oil company, which is to sue its contracting companies in an effort to recoup millions of pounds it paid in compensation after the Piper Alpha disaster, is including in its action a shipping company which lost two employees as they battled to save lives (Kerry Gill writes).

Occidental has begun a series of actions at the Scottish Court of Session suing 26 companies involved with Piper Alpha, which exploded in 1988 with the loss of 167 lives. Appna, which exploded in 1955 with the loss of 107 lives. One company it is suing is Haven Shipping, of Great Yarmouth, three of whose employees were awarded the George Medal for heroism, two posthumously. The company's standby vessel Sandhaven was on contract to Occidental and, when the Mayday call was heard, made for the second Company Malaches Sandhaven. the scene. Crewmen Malcolm Storey and Brian Batchelor died in the inferno; a third, lain Letham, survived.

The rescue attempt was the firm's only involvement in the disaster. It is believed that Occidental is trying to recoup from Haven all the money paid to Mr Letham and the dead men's families, a total of almost £1 million. It is understood that Occidental is taking the actions as part of a complex argument over contractual indemnities against compensation payments made to companies that worked for it on the Piper Alpha installation.

DPP 'leak' criticised

The Director of Public Prosecutions was criticised yesterday for releasing information that raises questions about the innocence of one of the Guildford Four. A letter sent to the Woolwich and Guildford pub bombings enquiry also had information which, it was claimed, could prejudice the trial of three former police officers accused of perverting the course of justice. The information was in a letter, outlining the defence case, sent by a lawyer representing one of the men to the judge who is to hear the case next April. It was attached to a submission from Barbara Mills, the DPP, in which she responded to strong criticism by the enquiry chairman over the delay in bringing the officers to trial.

Threat over new tax

The introduction of the new council tax is being put at risk by the government's refusal to say how much it will allow by the government's refusal to say how much it will allow local authorities to spend next year, council leaders said yesterday. Speaking after a two-hour meeting in London with Michael Howard, the environment secretary, senior councillors said that without a clear target it was impossible to begin planning budgets. Mr Howard, who has delayed the announcement of the financial settlement for local recomment from July to Ministeriles. government from July to November, again refused to be drawn. He also refused to give any indication of the likely level of next April's bills. He has blamed the delay on the need to complete the valuation of 20 million homes.

Buses run on bio-fuel

A fuel made from plants is to be used to run buses in Reading Berkshire. Three of Reading Transport's 200 buses will have their tanks filled with rape methyl ester, a diesel derived from oilseed rape, for a three-month trial.

Paul Shepherd, the company's engineering director, said no modification would be made to the buses' engines, which are now powered by petroleum-based diesel. Experiments in other European countries suggest that "bio-diesel" has significant environmental advantages: there is no sulphur content and emissions of carbon monoxide and smoke particles are much reduced. The government has so far declined to subsidise the production of bio-diesel.

Safe landing

A Rossian couple with no sailing experience have arrived in Britain after a 2,000 mile journey in a leaking yacht. Alexander and Galina Grazdankin, both 45, set out from their home in St Petersburg at the end of July because there was no work there. After nine weeks on the yacht, which had no cooker and only candles for light, they came ashore at Warsash in Hampshire. Members of Warsash Sailing Chib are providing homes for the couple until they attempt the next stage of their journey to the West Indies. Robert Hughes, the club's commodore, said: "I have nothing but admiration for them. They have sailed 2,000 miles in a 23ft boat which is just about Viking standard."

Hodge to leave politics

Margaret Hodge, the leader of Labour-controlled Islington council in north London. is to leave local politics to join the accountancy firm Price Waterhouse. Mrs Hodge, right, who made beadlines in 1982 by flying the red flag from Islington town hall, is standing down at the end of next month. She will remain on the council until the end of her term but will not seek reelection in 1994. Mrs



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Hodge, 48, who is married with four children, is also resigning from her positions as leader of the Association of London Authorities and vicechairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. She will be working four days a week at Price Waterhouse as a senior consultant in the public sector field. She said yesterday: "My post with Price Waterhouse will keep mevery much involved with local government and the wider public sector."

Lawyer stole £1 m

A lawyer was jailed for seven years yesterday for stealing more than £1 million from his clients in one year. Derek Chisnall, 47, of Corringham, Essex, took the cash from funds he was looking after when his practice got into difficulties. Some of the money went to keep the firm going and the rest was used to subsidise an expensive lifestyle. He admitted 18 charges of stealing money between July 1988 and July 1989. He confessed when he was told the Law Society was coming

Second victim identified

The second of two murdered 22-year-old British women found in bushland graves 85 miles southwest of Sydney at the weekend has been formally identified as Caroline Clarke after dental x-rays were flown to Australia. She and Joanne Walters went missing in April. Miss Walters was identified by dental records on Monday. Miss Clarke had been shot more than once in the head and Miss Walters had been gagged and stabbed repeatedly in the chest. Police have so far found no clues at the site.

Major to see Reynolds

John Major is to have talks with Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, in London tomorrow in an attempt to resolve differences over when to hold a meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference. The British government is believed to be resisting pressure from Irish ministers for an early meeting because of fears that it could provoke Unionists to leave the all-party talks in Dublin on the future of Northern Ireland. The conference has not met for five months to allow talks on Northern freland to take place.

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British Aerospace decision to close Hatfield factory ends pioneering era in military and civil aircraft

Crash landing for six decades of British aviation history

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

THE decision to close the British Aerospace factory at Hatfield ends 62 years of aviation history during which Britain often led the world in aircraft design, innovation and manufacture.

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In 1930, when Geoffrey de Havilland moved his com-pany from Edgware to Hat-field, the market for civil aircraft barely existed. He was convinced that his simplified structures would succeed and over the years leading to the outbreak of war he turned out a stream of Tiger Moth and Moth Minor trainers, Leopard and Hornet Moth tourers, Dragon Rapide light transports, Comet racers. Albarross and Flamingo airliners and Airspeed Oxfords.

During the war the factory was turned over to producing Mosquitos, a total of 7,781. The Mosquito was followed by the Vampire Interceptor and the Homet, a single-seat fightdevelopment of the

After the war, while the rest of Europe gathered its breath. de Havilland plunged back into the civil aircraft market with the Dove, an all-metal Rapide replacement, while military work continued with the Venom and the Sea Vixen.

The pinnade of Britain's plane-making power was reached in 1952 when the Comet. the first jet airliner, flew for the first time on a revenue earning service, with

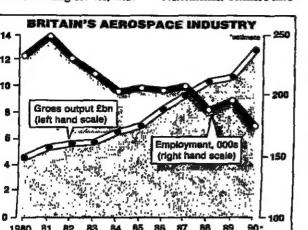
BOAC. The Hatfield-made Comet stirred the imagination of the world - and sowed the seeds for the decline of British aviation by stimulating the Americans to produce their rival, the Boeing 707.

Still the designers numed out revolutionary aircraft from Hatfield with the Trident and the DH 125 executive jets. Variations of the 125, now 30 years old, are still being produced by British Aerospace today. When de Havilland was

absorbed into the Hawker Siddeley Group in 1960, al-most all the 37,000 employees worked at Hatfield. Hawker Siddeley was itself merged into British Aerospace in 1977 and by then the world's aviation industry was changing. The vast amounts of money needed to design, test and develop aircraft could no longer be afforded by one country. let alone one company.
As alliances formed between

manufacturers in America, Japan and Europe, Britain gradually became a supplier of parts rather than an innovator. Concorde, the Tornado and the Airbus family of jets, now the mainstay of British Aerospace, are joint ventures with companies which for many years had been rivals. Even the "British" 146, which is to be built jointly with the Taiwanese, is powered by American engines.

Nonetheless, Britain's aero-



space capacity is second only to the United Spates' and research, design, development and manufacture continue. although increasingly on components. Apart from British Aerospace itself, Rolls-Royce is the biggest supplier of aerospace equipment. Dozens of other suppliers, including Dowty, Lucas and Smiths Industries, provide parts for aircraft made largely in the United States or on the Continent. The industry's turnover is more than 2 per cent of

Aerospace companies have contributed well over £16 bil-lion to the trade balance over the past decade. Although jobs have been lost in the industry, from a peak of almost 250,000 in 1981 to less than 170,000 today, there has been a big increase in productivity, allowing Britain to increase its share of the world's aerospace

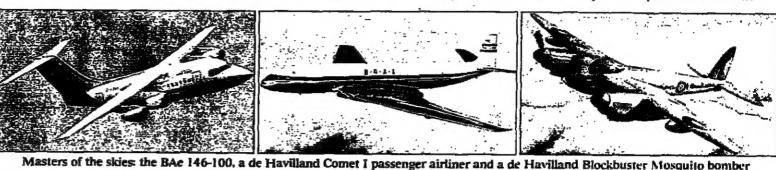
trade from 10 per cent in the mid-1960s to 17 per cent.
Until the recession is over, the short-term outlook is bleak. Rival companies in Europe are investing heavily in new products and designs while Britain's aircraft are based on old concepts. At the recent Farnborough air show many European and American aerospace executives said privately that it would be simpler and kinder if Britain's plane-making industry was allowed to die, enabling the factories that remained to concentrate on providing specialised parts for the global

aircraft of the future. Such a view, while hotly contested by diehards within an industry which engenders deep emotional attachments, is gradually becoming accepted by those who run it. The closure of Hatfield can only hasten the day when it be-

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Aviation pioneers: de Havilland, absorbed by Hawker Siddeley which later merged with BAe, built the Tiger Moth planes in the thirtie:



From boom to bust and a future in the dole queue

swung throughout the sixties and continued its expansion in the seventies and eighties. is bracing itself for a bleak future in the nineties.

Its showplace Galleria shopping centre straddling the Al motorway has suffered difficulties and is being run by new management. There is half-a-million square feet of vacant office space and 1.5 million square feet of empty factory space, most of it built since 1990. The town's polytechnic was

tus. But the decision by British Aerospace to end manufacturing at Hatfield by the end of next year is being seen by some as a blow to its pride from which the town will take years to recover.

David Riddle, chief executive of Welwyn and Hatfield District Council, said that the scale of the "disaster" was enormous and it would be impossible to calculate the effects on the local economy. The council decided yesterday that it and the local Hertfordshire Training and Enterprise Council will spend £1 million trying to create jobs and to offer new training for those losing employment at BAe. He said: "Hatfield is an

aerospace town. If the de Havilland brothers had not located here in the 1930s the new town might not have

The Hatfield closure will seriously damage the local economy, writes **David Young**

been built. BAe and its predecessors have provided not only a source of employment directly but the very founda-tions of the technological and

engineering skills base of this The closure will have a very grave impact. One in every 18 workers in the dis-

trict is employed by BAe, four

Welwyn and Hatfield and about eight in ten in total live in Hertfordshire." Mr Riddle has also calculat-

in ten BAe employees live in

ed that many other companies, suppliers, contractors and local services and shops will be affected. BAe has been spending £15 million a year in upplies from other Hertfordshire companies and the local authorities calculate that £12 million a year in consumer spending power has been poured into the area by workers. He expects that the latest BAe redundancies could be followed by another 1,300 in other companies because of

parts of south Hertfordshire. enjoyed spectacular growth in the years after the second world war, but the recession of the past two years has arrived with a vengeance. In some parts of the town unemployment has reached 17 per cent and the average for the district is nearly 9 per cent.

The town is regarded as an unemployment blackspot, csdespite the reputation of the university and local technical colleges. Roy Hopkins, con-vener for the trade unions at the factory, said: "We knew that we could not buck the world trend but we did not think that aircraft building at

Sambas recall life of laughs

BY TIM JONES

FRIENDS from the world of showbusiness and many fans turned a memorial service into a jolly occa-sion when they paid their respects yesterday to the man who became, through television, the most successful comedian the world has ever known.

he as politic

St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, reverberated to the music of a Latin American trio which played the sambas that Benny Hill had loved. Then Max Bygraves sang a song. Mr Hill, 67, died alone

on April 20 in his flat in on April 20 in his fat in Teddington, overlooking the Thames. Henry McGee, who played his straight man, said: "Somewhere, every hour of the day, someone is watching a Benny Hill show. "He was a most extraor-

dinary, ordinary man who gave the world's funnybone a tweak."

A sombre note was provided by the author Anthony Burgess, who claimed Britain had let Mr Hill down with accusations of vulgarity and sexism. His cavortings with the scanti-ly clad Hill's Angels were really "a mockery of male sexuality." the impossible in pursuit of the unobtainable, he said.

The Run Off

'Yakety Sax' played by PETER HUGHES

please leave at double speed



Fast exit: part of the Order of Service

Weeping man tells of killing baby

By A STAFF REPORTER

the Old Bailey yesterday how he snapped and killed his "adopted" baby son when he was unable to stop him crying. Frederick Feathers, 20, wept in the witness box as he said: "I had no intention of hurting him in any way."

Feathers, unemployed, admitted throwing five-month-old Harry Gurney the child of his girl friend Joanne, 19, by a previous relationship - on to a bed at their flat in Barking, east London, causing him to strike his head on a wall. He denies murdering the baby on Octo-ber 31 last year, but the prosecution has rejected his plea of

guilty to manslaughter. Feathers told the jury he moved in with Miss Gurney in April last year, knowing she was already pregnant. "I knew she was thinking about a termination," he said. "But we talked about keeping the baby and felt we could cope. I like children, so we decided to give

it a go."

After the boy was born in
June last year, seven weeks
premature and weighing only

THE problem of unemployment could be facing the Church of England, which has traditionally provided a stipendiary job to all those genuinely called to serve God as an Anglican priest.

In a letter to The Times

today, an ordinand at Salis-

bury and Wells theological

college says that he has writ-

ten to nine dioceses looking

for work and been unable to

find a vacancy. Anyone train-

ing for the stipendiary minis-

try can be ordained only into a

title in the Church of England.

so a would-be priest who cannot find a job has to

At least one ordinand, a

partially-sighted woman who

completed her training last

year, has been unable to find a

title, or curacy, to allow her ordination to take place. In

the Bradford diocese, a newly-

postpone ordination.

A MAN described to a jury at 3lb, he visited him in hospital every day for more than two months. "It was great when he came home," Feathers told the jury. "It was what I always

> Neil Taylor, QC, for the defence, read the text of a card that Feathers had chosen for Miss Gurney. "Of all the precious gifts in life, the best must surely be, a baby who brings added joy into a family. And in this little welcome verse are wishes for you all, includ-ing really special ones for a baby sweet and small."

On October 30 last year, Feathers said, he woke Harry while cleaning the flat. "I tried everything to try and stop him crying," he said. "I walked into the bedroom, held him in front of me and shook him violently. Then I threw him on the bed. His head struck the

Under cross-examination by John Bevan, for the prosecu-tion, Feathers conceded that he had been alone with the boy for only 15 minutes while Miss Gurney was out buying cannabis.

The trial continues today.

Church vacancies drying up

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT .

ordained priest who complet-

ed his first curacy has been

unable to find a job as a vicar.

Some clergy believe the problem could worsen if the

to the priesthood in Novem-

ber. The Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, former bishop of

Birmingham, said some

women were waiting for a

vote in favour before putting

themselves forward for ordi-

nation training. Bishop Montefiore said evi-

dence from New Zealand and

America showed a surge in

numbers seeking ordination could be expected if the

church agrees to to women

In a recent Church Times

article, Bishop Montefiore asks whether the church will

be able to afford jobs for all its

clergy if the increase in women clergy exceeds a con-

ITN chief wants end to D-notice

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE editor-in-chief of ITN yesterday called for abolition of the D- notice system. The arrangement has for 80 years brought together Whitehall mandarins, editors and broadcasters to decide whether to suppress stories thought

to threaten national security. Stewart Purvis said the discretionary system, whose exis-tence will be reviewed at a Dnotice committee meeting on October 21, should be replaced by informal guidance from individual government departments. The guidance would have no legal force and each department would assume responsibility for queries about its interpretation. Mr Purvis is a member of the

John Wilson, controller of BBC editorial policy and also a member, said that while he found the system "uncomfortable" he did not think the media should get rid of it. "It is as benign as a toothless old dog. And that's the way I'd like to keep it," he said.

timing fall in male clergy.

The problem has arisen partly

because of the reduced in-

come from the church's his-

toric assets, which has forced

numbers by 10 per cent.

Other dioceses have refused to employ clergy from outside. Last year, 246 men and 75

women were ordained into

stipendiary jobs, compared to

☐ England could be ready for

an evangelical revival similar

to that of the eighteenth century. Canon Michael

Green, evangelism adviser to the Archbishops of Canter-

bury and York, said yesterday.

Canon Green was speaking at

the launch of Springboard,

the Archbishops' evangelism

initiative, at St Paul's cathe-

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dral, London, last night.

600 men in 1960.

church votes to ordain women some dioceses to cut clergy

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Ban all students with poor English, Patten tells university heads

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

the prospects for extra funding

to meet the government's de-

mands for expansion. Mr

Patten said unit costs would

have to be cut further to

accommodate more students.

ceive a fair share of public

spending, he said, but the total

would be constrained for the

Mr Patten also maintained

an uncompromising stance on lecturers' pay, standing by his veto of a 7 per cent pay deal

made by the vice-chancellors in May. "I have to take into

account both government pol-

icy to bear down upon public

expenditure and the need to

link pay to performance. I take personal responsibility for this, and will continue to do so," he

He promised new negotiat-

ing machinery for next year's pay round. The machinery

would give universities more

scope to set their own pay

levels, with national negotia-

tions conducted by a new

employers' organisation.
Vice-chancellors are still considering whether to take legal action to try to remove

the veto and free £24 million

held back from university

budgets pending a settlement

acceptable to the government. The issue will be discussed this

morning, but a final decision

will be taken in concert with

the Association of University

☐ Independent school heads

want their brightest pupils to begin university courses in the

sixth form because many are not being stretched sufficiently by A levels.

The Headmasters' Confer-

ence, which represents 233

independent schools, has be-

gun talks with state school

heads on a joint approach to

the universities. Informal con-

tacts have brought a positive

reponse from some of the

Vivian Anthony, the conference secretary, raised the plan

yesterday at the heads' annual

meeting in Bruges. He said: There is a feeling that some

of the changes that have been

than they had in the past. This

would fill a gap left by S levels.

"How many times have you

heard students come back

after their first year at univer-

sity and say they were bored stiff because they had done it all at A level and were taught

much better at school? Where

they are bright enough, to

complete some university

modules at school would be a

great challenge for our most able pupils." Degrees would

former polytechnics.

next three years.

Higher education would re-

UNIVERSITIES should refuse to admit students whose spelling and grammar is not satisfactory. John Patten, the education secretary, said yesterday in a new assault on standards in schools.

Addressing a vice-chancellors' meeting in Exeter. Mr Patten urged academics to speak out if they believed schools' standards were falling. "The academic community should not simply stand on the sidelines and complain. Nor should it seek to do the job of schools for them," he said.

Standards of grammar and spelling were of particular concern to some people in the universities. Whether or not overall standards were falling. schools had to give more attention to their pupils' basic

A recent survey of undergraduates found that standards of basic English had declined over the past five years. Some universities have considered running remedial courses to cope with the

Mr Patten said: "If schools fail to provide the quality of candidates sought by universities, that is no argument for universities themselves to provide courses to bring them up to scratch. Talk of an additional and essentially remedial foundation year for undergraduates is simply not on.

Forget it."

He urged the vice-chancellors to make their require-ments known to schools. "If pupils cannot meet your re-quirements, don't admit them. That will ensure that schools adapt and improve," he said. "Don't simply complain about the standard of English. Decide precisely what you expect of applicants and exploit the opportunity offered by the review of national curriculum

English."
The vice-chancellors were

Polys take 39 steps to join high table

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A decision by university vicechancellors to admit the heads of the former polytechnics to their own exclusive club is a mark of how far the polys have come in the past two decades.

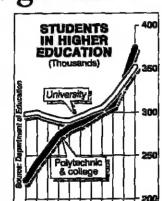
Once derided from the high table as little more than technology colleges, the 39 poly-technics were kept out of the counsels of the great by the socalled binary line that separated them from universities until

After 21 years under local authority control, the polytechnics were given independent status last year and this spring they won the right to become universities awarding their own degrees. Vice-chancellors bowed to the inevitable vesterday and ushered the former polys to the seats at the high

As they did so, the Commit-tee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals recognised that its new members represented an even bigger challenge to the way they run their institutions than spending cuts they suffered during the past decade.

Polytechnics came from nowhere in the late 1960s to challenge the supremacy of the universities by educating more students from a wider social background at less cost. In 1988, universities received £5,800 a student compared to the polys' £3.500 and by last year they had 22,000 fewer degree students than the

newcomers.
Students without A levels, people with vocational qualifi-



cations and mature applicants with no advanced qualifications were accepted for courses where teaching methods often raised university eyebrows. Subjects such as management studies were pioneered in poly-technics, which saw their mission as being to respond to the needs of the working world. courses relevant to their careers, flocked in.

Today the former polytechnics account for 83 per cent of all mature students and have arguably done most to boost the proportion of 18 to 21-year olds in higher education from one in eight to one in five over the past five years.

Britain's first polytechnic was created 154 years ago in Regent Street, and is now the Polytechnic of Central London. It was founded by Quintin Hogg, grandfather of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone. After the Robbins Committee report of 1963, eight new polys were created in 1969. Today, of the 39, all but four have adopted the title

Beaten pupil goes to court

THE family of an English schoolboy slippered on the bottom by his boarding school headmaster at the age of seven yesterday accused the government of breaching

Lawyers for Jeremy Costello-Roberts told the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg that the corporal punishment inflicted on the boy constituted "inhuman or degrading treatment" out-lawed by the Human Rights Convention, to which Britain Jeremy received the beat-

strokes, in 1985. His mother Wendy complained to the police and to the National Society for the Prevention of Crucity to Children, but they both told her that they could take no action as the boy had no visible signs of bruising.

The family began legal proceedings, lodging a complaint with the European Commis-sion of Human Rights, which vets applications to the court. Jeremy changed schools in 1986. It was five years before the commission declared the case admissible, arguing that the punishment did not amount to degrading treatment but that it did breach another article of the convention, which safeguarded "the right to respect for private

was told yesterday that Jeremy had been reprimand-ed by a teacher for talking in a corridor and for being "a little

The penalty at the unnamed

their final verdict for several months after yesterday's one-

MOST teenage joyriders are school failures who believe they are very good or excep-tional drivers and take cars for be completed in less than three Many of the new universities already franchise the first excitement, to give themselves year of degree courses to further education colleges. a sense of importance and to impress friends, according to a survey of youngsters involved in car crime.

Jeff Briggs, who carried out
the survey among 200 youths
at Walker. Newcastle upon Tyne, said the term joyrider was an accurate description of

late" to bed on one occasion, earning his fifth "dement" mark for similar conduct. school for acquiring five marks was corporal punishment and after consulting his

colleagues, the headmaster administered a "slippering" with a gym-shoe, hitting Jeremy three times through The judges will not deliver

hand, but his heart was not in the work. Shown the door: Michael Gray, general Sony Bartolome, the regular chambermaid, manager of the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel,

central London, who acted as doorman yesterday, having his green uniform adjust-ed by the real doorman, Michael Healy. Senior hotel staff made beds, opened taxi doors and lugged suitcases for a taste of some of their less well-paid staff's working lives (Ioe Joseph writes). "I'm very cold." Mr Gray said. "You obviously have to dress for this job, which I haven't. But something like this gives us a chance to see what improvements can be made and there is also an element of trying to build a closer team within the hotel. Michael's already David Loewi, director of food and beverages, was in a bedroom with a duster in his

Joyriders

on twisted

ego trip

By Richard Ford

the experience of taking vehi-

cles. "They get a good time, an enormous amount of joy out of

joyriding," he told a confer-

ence on car crime in London

The picture of a joyrider that

emerges from the survey is of a

male teenager with a disrupt-

ed family background where

there is unemployment. He

has little academic ability and

a record of truancy.

The joyrider needs to impress his friends with involve-

ment in accidents and the

possession of police charge sheets, which provide addi-

tional status and prestige.

said he was "doing OK. Not too bad. He's helping. He's learnt a thing or two." One thing that Mr Loewi learnt was that some guests bring in food and drink. "So that's what's denting room-service takings," he said, putting on his other hat rather than worrying about how to dust round the delicatessen laid out on the chest of drawers. Back at the entrance, Mr Healy. who has manned the doors for 30 years, said that Mr Gray was "doing very good, really. He must have been watching me for a long time." Mr Gray had a few pound-coin tips in his pocket to prove his new skills. Being a good manager, he handed them straight to Mr Healy.

£123m on doomed air project

BY SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of MPs severely rebuked the defence ministry yesterday for wasting £123 million over eight years in a failed attempt to convert three TriStar aircraft into airborne refuelling tankers.

The Commons public accounts committee also criticised errors in the specifications for a battlefield system which cost £11 million to correct the lack of a Nato identification system to reduce the risk of killing friendly forces: excessive secrecy on routine projects: and a missile system that has been heavily delayed and trebled in costs.

The cross-party committee of MPs said that the secondhand TriStars were bought in 1984. The ministry could not convert them and abandoned

the project earlier this year.

The committee said that the most serious deficiency in Nato's air defence is an identification system to distinguish friend from foe. Nato officials conceded in 1971 that they needed such a system and the MPs indicated that it might have prevented the deaths of nine British soldiers from "friendly fire" in the Gulf. The Battlefield Artillery Tar-

get Engagement System (Bates), which links artillery batteries and target-finding systems, has had an equally troubled history. The MPs said that the specification "ran to 17 volumes and has over 7,000 pages; but despite this complexity it contained many errors and inconsistencies. These problems have resulted in 1,300 amendments which cost some Ell million to implement."

The MPs unravelled the hitches in collaborating with other countries to develop an advanced short-range air-to-Sidewinder. It took 13 years for the programme to reach full development and costs rose by 200 per cent.

The ministry agreed to be less secretive about the costs and timing of projects after complaints by the MPs. Commons committee of public accounts tenth report: The 1990 statement on major defence projects and the 1989 summary of post-costing activ-

MoD spent | NEWS IN BRICES Theft gang trapped by children

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Six school friends were hailed

as heroes for trapping a gang of thieves staging a £50,000 raid on a sports factory.

The six staked out the plant, noted descriptions of the men and recorded the registration mark of their lorrry and van. Judge John Prosser, at Cardiff Crown Court, said yesterday: This was as marvellous as the boy detectives on those wire-less shows I listened to as a child. Your actions were absolutely commendable."

He ordered a reward of £50 each for Kirk Higgins, 12, Sian Hughes, 14. Paul Davies, 13. Tudor Hughes, 13. Neil Burland, 14, and Richard Duckfield. 16. all of Garw Valley, Mid Glamorgan. Gang member Peter Westcott. 37, of Bristol, Avon, was jailed for three years for burglary.

Damages deal

Anthony Gilbey, a member of the wealthy gin family, yester-day accepted "substantial" un-disclosed libel damages and a public apology over a report in the News of the World that implied he had been wrongly acquitted of a charge of gross indecency.

Nausea attacks

Fifty firelighters have suffered nausea since tackling a blaze after a fatal explosion at the Hickson International chemical plant in Castleford, West Yorkshire, on Monday.

Youths accused

Philip John Barbour and Paul Ashley Chapman, both 17, of Reigate, Surrey, were remanded in custody by town magis-trates for 28 days yesterday charged with murdering Ruth Denyer, 76.

Murder alleged Anthony Clapham. 31. of

Newport, Gwent, was yester-day charged with murdering Sian Collier, 24, manager of a Ladbroke's bookmakers shop. Magistrates remanded him in custody for a week.

Worker killed

Robert Stainforth. 36. a North Sea gas worker of Grimsby, Humberside, died when hit by the helicopter he was guiding on to a landing pad on the Viin (Stationery Office: £11.85) | king Bravo platform.

We investigate the man behind

The Singing Detective



IN THIS week's Times Saturday Review we explore the dark and bizarre world of playwright Dennis Potter. Ginny Dougary reveals more about him than even his highly autobiographical plays have done.

To Russia with love.

Peter Hughes travels for a long weekend to Moscow and discovers how the evil empire has given way to a friendlier one, which takes Visa. Grand plans.

Bryan Appleyard talks to Will Alsop, a brilliant architect whose work has always been

considered too radical to be taken seriously until now. He is the man chosen to put his mark on the traditional face of Paddington Station.

A good weekend's reading.

Cheap ways to update your wardrobe, Stephen Bayley on the menace of the urban cyclist and Clement Freud talks porridge with Derek Hatton. Plus Jonathan Meades is in Brighton this week on his tour of restaurants, cafes and dives.

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SELECTED DESIGNERS

Eco-tourists threaten Third World havens

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

NEW breeds of supposedly ecology friendly holidaymakers were warned yesterday that by pushing further into "undiscovered" parts of the world, they are causing as much harm as the mass package tourists of the past.

Dr Erlet Cater, of Reading University, told a conference at the Royal Geographical Society in London that the increase in "eco-tourists" visiting the Third World was causing damage to the environment and to the lifestyle of

its populations. Because eco-tourists try to go deeper into the fabric of the countryside, they are often more difficult to control than the mass of conventional

While visitors search for ever more remote areas, the cost of maintaining them falls on the impoverished Third World country involved.

Dr Bob Prosser, of Birmingham University, warned of the "new religion" of eco-tourism. "It is a form of economic colonialism. Not only do tourists penetrate every nook and crampy of the Earth, they have the assumption that they have every right to do so," he said.

"People still go on holiday for prestige. Getting a sun tan is still a central part but equally important is where that tan was obtained. Margate and even Marbella no longer count. Now it has to be

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Leaked file lists only 88 staffed stations after BR privatisation

By Patricia Tehan

cuts would lead to an increase

levels at stations have fallen

from 12,000 in 1988 to 8,000. The unions claim the

support of BR managers for

their campaign against priva-

tisation. Jim Morgan, infra-

structure manager for the

southwest division of Network

SouthEast, wrote to David

Wilshire, Conservative MP for

Spelthorne, about problems

transport system"

THE privatisation of British Rail will lead to at least 2,600 job losses at hundreds of stations, putting passengers' safety at risk, rail unions said The Rail Maritime and

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Transport (RMT) union and the Transport and Salaried Staffs Association (TSSA) said confidential documents leaked to them show that only 88 stations will be fully staffed during the hours that trains are running if privatisation goes ahead. BR refused to comment on what might happen after privatisation and said that union claims were speculation and guesswork.

The company confirmed, however, that its policy of checking tickets on trains instead of in stations will contin-ue. A spokesman said: "In some circumstances it is better for customers if staff are on trains instead of in stations where they have less value to the travelling public."

Jimmy Knapp, general sec-retary of the RMT, said that between 2,600 and 4,000 jobs at 800 stations are likely to be experienced by a passenger using Ashford station, Surrey. axed in the next five years. He said this would leave 2,468 Mr Morgan wrote: "All stations without any staff for information systems that have at least part of the day. A been fitted at Ashford have union survey of Britain's now been destroyed by van-dals. We are finding it almost 2.556 stations shows that 1,668 are unstaffed or partially staffed, a 20 per cent impossible to recruit staff at this station. During the increase over last year. evening after the peak period, Richard Rosser, general sec-retary of TSSA, said that the

ture but reflects reality." in accidents, violence, anacks Under the government's privatisation plans BR will be on women and vandalism. He split into two businesses. Railtrack will own the tracks, said that if the plans are implemented, "women and older people will become frightened of using the public signalling and infrastructure, the other will operate services, some of which will be franchised. Union figures show staffing

the duties can be dangerous.

This paints a depressing pic-

☐ BR has reopened the dispute over the Channel Tunnel link by admitting it is considering options for the line south of Detling in Kent. This section was considered settled. with the remaining arguments concentrated on the stretch between Detling and

the King's Cross terminus.
Union Railways, the BR subsidiary reponsible for the link, says alternative options are being examined for the stretch between the Channel and Detling. These include abandoning the tunnel planned to take the route under Ashford and running the track beside the M20.



Outstanding care: Karen Finlayson from Edinburgh has revived Romanian children who suffer from Aids

Aids nurse wins accolade

A BRITISH nurse has won an award for her part in trans-forming the lives of 100 Romanian children who are suffering from Aids and HIV (Lin Jenkins writes).

In the two years since Karen Finlayson arrived at Colentina Hospital in Bucha-£450, was presented by Prinrest many of the children. who were withdrawn and unresponsive, have improved dramatically. The team of

nurses she led, from the charity Health Aid UK, spent months cleaning and improving the filthy conditions in which the children were kept, and training local nurses. Her Nurse '92 special commendation, and a cheque for

cess Margaret at the Savoy hotel in central London. Sally Meekin, 44, a nursing adviser who works with

violence in Northern Ireland. received the title Nurse '92 and a cheque for £3,000 in the awards run by Nursing Standard and Bupa nursing. Her work involves helping officers hurt in explosions. gunfire, petrol bombings, intimidation and assault and giving support to people who suffer from working in an atmosphere of violence.

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Meekin: helps police

Open-plan pubs 'foil drug deals'

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DRUG dealers could be put out of business if public houses and betting shops were rede-signed, senior police commanders were told yesterday.

Chief Supt Alan Edwards. commander of a London police division, said that the traditional design and poor lighting of public houses provided "rent-free accommodation for drug dealers". He told the annual conference of the Police Superintendents Association in Blackpool that some brewers and bening-shop chains had been persuaded to introduce open-plan interiors so that dealers could not hide in nooks and crannies.

Local authorities had helped to halt dealing on the streets. Mr Edwards said. In west Kensington, the council had been persuaded to cut down trees and improve lighting

where dealers congregated. Supt Eric Brown, of west London, said that crime prevention and co-operation with local authorities was a longterm strategy. For example, the peak age of criminality was now 15 and police and plan-ners should consider how to halt ten-year-olds sliding towards crime and how to provide good facilities for them in five years' time

Mr Brown said that believe covering the height of fences and walls might need to be changed and alleyways closed.

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STATIONS THAT KEEP STAFF

The 88 stations expected to retain full staffing — all 800 other stations at present fully staffed are to be partially or completely desiaffed

Scotland: Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth. Glasgow Central, Glasgow Queen Street, Edinburgh,

Wales: Swansea, Cardiff. London (mainline): Charing Cross, Liverpool Street, Victoria, King's Cross. Paddington, Euston, Fenchurch Street. St Pancras, London Bridge, Waterloo, Can-

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Consultants' fees highest in Europe

By JEREMY LAURANCE

BRITISH hospital consultants are inflating the cost of private medical insurance by charging higher private fees than in the rest of Europe and America, says a new report. Consultants can earn six times the rate they are paid by the NHS for the same work.

A few surgeons earn over £4.000 a day by fitting in at least five major private operations, but most do less work and have daily earnings of £750 or below. About 12,000 of Britain's 19.000 consultants do some private work, with the top 1,200 earning around £200,000 a year on top of their NHS salaries. About 30 per cent of private work is done before 9am, after 5pm or at weekends.

The fees charged are 60 per cent higher on average than in the United States, Spain and Australia, 170 per cent higher than in France and four times higher than in Germany and Canada, says the report, commissioned by Norwich Union Healthcare.

The system for setting pri-vate consultants' fees in the UK is being investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Medical insurance premiums could be cut by 20 per cent if fees were

lowered, said David Cavers. managing director of Nor-wich Union Healthcare.

William Laing, a health economist and author of the report, said that the NHS paid by the private health insurance companies. "There would be a much stronger lobby for higher NHS salaries if it weren't for the private practice bonanza," he said.

The report says that privately practising consultants "are among the best paid occupational groups in Britain", exceeded only by main board executives of private companies and senior barristers. Private work made up 31 per cent of their income in 1990 compared with 13 per cent in

☐ Britain is slipping down the European health league as other countries achieve bigger reductions in death rates from a range of "curable" condi-tions, according to researchers at St Thomas's Hospital. southeast London. They have found sixfold differences in death rates from conditions such as breast cancer and leukaemia in different parts of the country and up to twentyfold between parts of Europe.

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| Varicose veins | 2.6 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.7 |

Watchdog demands voice for patients

AN INDEPENDENT health service inspectorate should be set up to investigate hospitals and GP practices where there have been complaints about doctors and standards of care. the National Consumer Council says in a report yesterday

(Alison Roberts writes). An inspectorate similar to those for schools, prisons and the police should represent the neglected interests of patients, the council says. Doctors monitored each other's performance and "keep the results to themselves". Ann Smith a council spokeswoman said that the

members of clinical and

medical audit groups were drawn from the health service

professions. "We see the inspectorate as a troubleshooter with the power to investigate hospitals and GP services where questions have been raised about standards of care by patients, local authorities or community health councils. The main point is that patients have a voice. We were promised a patientcentred health service with the reforms, but the govern-

ment has not delivered." The British Medical Association said that existing complaints procedures were adequate. "The doctors who investigate others are completely independent."

The council also calls for a new system of no-fault compensation for victims of medical accidents, allowing patients to make claims without



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Au revoir, Africa?

reconvenes to discuss our financial problems, is the deeper crisis in Africa being forgotten?

Right now famine, war and debt are putting the lives of 40 million people there under threat.

And the only thing the leaders of the world's rich nations are doing is threatening to make things worse.

There are rumours not of an increase in aid but of cuts – deep cuts. At the same time governments including that of the UK, are planning to slash the European Community's aid budget by some £200,000,000.

Meanwhile, in Africa, Oxfam sees people struggling to survive a double crisis – famine and financial destruction.

In Somalia, conditions are so severe that relief workers now round up the numbers of dead to the nearest 10,000. (Oxfam reports warn that Mozambique is only weeks away from becoming a "second Somalia").

And Africa's resources continue to be drained by their needs to pay off debts to richer countries. Ethiopia is just one example. While they try to rebuild their lives after years of civil war, the people are burdened with a debt so great that paying it off will use up almost half the country's foreign currency.



Under this sort of pressure, new-born hopes for peace, democracy and development in Africa could well be shattered.

For years, Europe's leaders have been promising to do something to help tackle the problems of Third World poverty. But somehow there always seems to be something more important.

The cynical amongst us might say they were turning their backs on the poor. Over the

next few weeks, our leaders have the chance to prove the cynics wrong.

Oxfam believes that the UK should set an example to Europe by increasing its aid budget. As president of the European Community we should reject the proposed reduction in EC aid. And the government should call for the G7 Finance Ministers to meet to agree measures to reduce Africa's debt burden.



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Perot campaign comeback would upset the form card



Perot: already on the

ROSS Perot's threatened re-entry into the presidential campaign is probably the best news that President Bush has had since the more cheerful days of the mid-summer, It was, after all, the Texan mil-lionaire's withdrawal from the race — dramatically an-nounced at the end of the

Democratic convention in July - that first opened up the yawning poll gap between the president and Bill Clinton, his Democratic opponent. Of course, even if he finally

declares his candidacy (something he never formally did even before July), no one expects Mr Perot to retain anything like his former popularity with the voters. He has been too badly bruised by the charge that he brutally let down his own supporters for that to be possible, and the kiss-and-tell stories told from likely to regain his full popularity, his return may swing the vote, writes Anthony Howard from Washington

Although the Texan millionaire is not

inside his campaign have hardly helped either. Yet he undoubtedly remains a public phenomenon. His

somewhat dour book, United We Stand, is currently top of the non-fiction paperback bestseller lists and he can command television appearances at the beckoning of a finger. The mere fact of his reappearance in the contest could yet throw all the cards up in the air, and that can hardly be anything but helpful

The Bush campaign has so far signally failed to play to its

strengths; but those strengths, as with every incumbent, still have some considerable residual power. The Republicans, reserve the taxation card. the issue that above any other brought John Major victory in Britain last April.

Mr Clinton's aggressive attacks on the president's handling of the economy may have been effective so far but he will be lucky to get away with his promise that his own economic programme will involve a tax increase only for those earning more than

This is one issue where Mr Perot. with his emphasis on stern fiscal rectitude, would clearly emerge as a co-belliger-ent, if not an actual ally, of the Much the same goes for Mr

Clinton's other main vulnerable point, the sense somehow that he is not a natural, fullblooded American patriot. Mr Perot may yield to no one (certainly not to Mr Bush) in his allegiance to the flag but, in this area again, his whole appeal is likely to strengthen the president's side of the argument. In a three-way race the Democratic challenger could well find himself in a lonely and exposed position, particularly on defence cuts.

The principal service that a formal Perot candidacy could yet render to Mr Bush lies. however, in its potential to

the personal and ideological credentials of the Democratic candidate. For someone who has now had a double-digit poll lead for more than three months. Mr Clinton remains a strangely unknown quantity: his support may look broad but it is also ominously

At the Republican convention, Mr Bush announced that he would seek to "define" his opponent. He has so far failed to do so. But if Mr Perot comes in with sharply etched positions on issues from the budget deficit to the need for cuts in welfare spending, this is bound to throw the fuzziness of many of Mr Clinton's own policy stands into sharp relief. The "Slick Willie" gibe could yet make its mark in the

Most estimates suggest that

polling booths.

hope for is 5 to 6 per cent of the national vote. As he is a proud man, that may deter him from becoming an active, campaigning candidate. (His name is already on the ballot in all 50 states.) But, since few expect this election ultimately to be decided by a margin wider than that, he still probably has it in his power to determine the result - if no longer by the direct route of

the electoral college. Still, there is an obvious temptation for a man who has protested from the beginning that he is solely interested in having an impact on policy to get involved. The only snag for Mr Perot is that, by getting involved, he now seems likely to assist Mr Bush, the candidate above all he is said to loathe. But polities makes strange bedfellows.



Clinton accuses Bush of dodging debates on TV over economy

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday proposed debates with Bill Clinton, the Democratic presi-dential candidate, making it likely that for the first time since 1972 the contenders for the White House will not meet

Also yesterday, it emerged that James Baker, the Bush campaign chief, had on Tuesday had a surreptitious meeting at his Washington home with Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire who is threatening to re-enter the presidential race because, he says, neither candidate is addressing America's economic problems. The meeting was requested by Mr Perot, who had earlier met Ron Brown, the Democratic party chairman, in New York. Mr Perot's animosity towards Mr Bush is well known. but it seems likely that he was exploring the extent to which either candidate was prepared

to accommodate his demands

AFRICA is about to suffer the

most serious cut in Western

aid programmes for decades. according to full-page warn-ings published today by

Oxfam in national newspa-

The relief agency says

leaked reports point to a

dramatic reduction in British

aid to Third World countries.

At the same time Oxfam says

the European Community is

proposing to reduce its aid

budget by £200 million, which

would wreck plans to establish

an emergency aid reserve.

And the agency says the annual governors' meeting of the World Bank, which ends

today, has ignored calls for a

debt moratorium and in-

creased resources for Africa at

a time when the continent is

crippled by debt, drought and

Administration would not

comment on reports of a huge

reduction in British aid, say-

ing any changes would be

announced in the autumn

statement by Norman

Exchequer, in November. But

rumours circulated last week

that the Overseas Develop-

ment Administration's budget

is one of several government

departments, along with agri-

culture, transport and the

Scottish and Welsh offices.

amont, the Chancellor of the

The Overseas Development

pers, including The Times.

Africa faces drastic

cut in Western aid

cuts and tax increases. While his re-entry as a third candidate would probably be to Mr Bush's advantage, the Republicans fear that he might yet endorse Mr Clinton.

Mr Perot's re-entry would certainly kill outright the dimming prospect of presidential debates because Mr Bush would refuse to share a platform with him. Even without Mr Perot, sources in the president's camp believe that television debates before an audience of perhaps 70 million would benefit Mr Clinton, even though Mr Bush trails his challenger by a two-figure margin. The chances of arranging debates will diminish as election day nears because the candidates would have less time to recover from

The new proposal of the bipartisan commission on presidential debates suggested that the first confrontation be held next Tuesday in Louis-

that will suffer sharp budget

Oxfam said the combina-

tion of cuts would undermine fragile political and economic

changes in African countries

and would cause long-term

instability. Southern Africa

was facing its worst drought

and famine in living memory.

The need for aid and debt

relief had never been greater.

UK must not turn its back on

Africa," Oxfam said. "Just

because the financial markets

in rich countries sneeze, Africa

must not be blown off the

international agenda. The UK

and EC must reject attempts to

bilateral aid last year, of which just under half—£521 million — went to Africa. The total British aid budget for 1992-

93, including multilateral aid given through bodies such as the United Nations and World

Bank, is £1.83 billion. This is

projected to rise over the next two years to £1.89 billion next

year and £1.97 billion in 1994-95.

Michel Camdessus, manag-

ing director of the Internation-

al Monetary Fund, said recently that Britain could

afford a doubling of its foreign

aid budget, and thought that this would be possible by the

end of the century.

Britain gave £1.27 billion in

"As president of the EC, the

vice-presidential debate. A sec-ond presidential debate would be held in Richmond, Virginia, on October 15.

Mr Clinton quickly accepted, but the Bush camp again said no. It insists that the two campaigns, not a third party, should determine the timing and format of any debates.

Mr Baker has been holding out for two debates, not three, so that only one would focus on domestic policy. He also wants the traditional panel of questioners, who tend to jump from subject to subject, rather than the one proposed. Mr Clinton is doing his best

to exploit the president's coyness. In Lansing, Michigan, where the first debate was supposed to have been held on Fuesday, he quoted Mr Bush's criticism of Jimmy Carter's reluctance to debate with Ronald Reagan in 1980: "I believe he wants to avoid debate because he wants to avoid talking about his economic I mean, how do you debate the merits of an economic policy that put 1.9 million people out of work?" Under Mr Bush, added Mr Clinton, three million Ameri-

cans had lost their jobs.

Mr Bush spent Tuesday campaigning in the six states surrounding Arkansas, damnstate's governor with a torrent

of highly selective statistics.

Mr Clinton responded by
unearthing past praise of his
gubernatorial achievements by Mr Bush and accusing the president of skirting Arkansas just as he was skirting the debates.

Mr Bush yesterday pro-posed \$20 billion (£11.7 million) in tax breaks and deregulatory measures over five years to help small businesses. Late the previous evening, he had quietly vetoed a bill permitting employees to take unpaid leave for a child's birth or during a family emergency. Mr Bush said that the bill would hurt businesses, but Mr Clinton and a string of Democratic congressmen claimed the veto made a mockery of the Republicans' professed support for tradi-

tional family values. The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that when Alan Greenspan, chairman of the independent Federal Reserve, was up for reappointment last year, the Bush administration had put pressure on him to lower interest rates to boost the economy in the run-up to the election. The overtures, at a series of private meetings, "represented an extraordinary effort by the White House to exert influence over the independent central bank", the newspaper said.



Gloria mundi: the singer Gloria Estefan applauding a speech at the United Nations General Assembly, where she was a guest of American delegates

Allies seek frozen Baghdad assets to pay for UN work

FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

THE United States and its allies plan to press for a United Nations resolution, possibly this month, to release hundreds of millions of dollars in frozen Iraqi funds to pay for UN inspections and humanitarian work in Iraq, a senior Bush administration official said yesterday.

The money, in banks in America and Europe, may be sought quickly by the US-led coalition that defeated Iraq in the Gulf war. When asked if it could happen this month, the official said: "I would not be surprised. It will be several hundreds of millions (of dollars) initially. What we will have, hopefully, is a United Nations resolution that will set up an authorisation and a mechanism for defreezing the

Some banking officials have voiced reservations, suggesting that it might jeopardise over southern Iraq was pre-the ability of banks to attract venting air attacks by Presideposits from countries that fear their future loss. But the administration official insisted yesterday that Iraq should pay

for UN inspections for weapons of mass destruction, and for UN humanitarian aid to Kurds in northern Iraq and Shia Muslims in the south. "What it [the money] will provide us with is a large pool of resources - giving us the ability to carry out an openended programme of UN

inspections. humanitarian support and so forth," he said. The coalition will also press other countries which have no frozen Iraqi assets to provide financial help for the UN work in Iraq under previous UN resolutions.

He repeated earlier statements by American officials

Saddam Hussein's military machine against the Shias. He said that Saddam had been weakened by the airexclusion zone and by Jordanian steps to tighten its border with Iraq to prevent smug-gling which violates the UN embargo against Baghdad.

"I feel the pressure, rather than declining, is actually increasing against Saddam. in large part because of the much-improved Jordanian performance on sanctions not perfect, but much improved," the official said. Patriot claim: Patriot missiles used against Iraqi Scuds in the Gulf war intercepted only a few incoming warheads, a success rate dramatically below Pentagon claims, according to a draft congres-

Texas Republicans fear party will lose in key state

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN DALLAS

A YEAR ago it would have been inconceivable to suggest that Texas, President Bush's adopted home state, would desert the Republicans and House. But as Mr Bush flew over the eastern part of the Lone Star state vesterday at the start of a six-state tour in the Deep South, his Texan strategists were reviewing gloomily the Republican prospects of fending off Bill Clinton.

Political campaigns in Texas have always been fought with a venom and a commitment most of the rest of America cannot match but in this year's presidential election Texas is likely to surpass itself in the bare-knuckle stakes. With California likely to go Democratic, the rewards are high for the victor in Texas. If President Bush loses the state. the political arithmetic suggests that he will have lost America.

Already hard-pressed in Texas by an aggressively run Democratic challenge that is adept at picking up on the voters' economic worries, Mr Bush now has to contend with a sniping Ross Perot and the threat of the Dallas billionaire's return to the presidential race. With Mr Bush and Mr Clinton running neck and neck in the latest statewide poll, just the mere possibility that Mr Perot could revive his Republican party leaders in Texas, because of his southern

credentials. They are already finding it hard to bind the wounds that Mr Perot inflicted on the Texas party earlier this year and they are struggling to heal the self-inflicted divide among Texan Republicans between the religious right, which believes that the most important issues are abortion, homosexuality and family values, and the economic conservatives who argue that the economy must be the priority if the state is not to be lost.

Mr Perot's tantalising hints of a return are helpful for the Democrats in Texas. Every time that he pops up like Banquo's ghost to haunt Mr Bush, he reminds Republican voters of this administration's shortcomings and makes it more likely, even without formally running, that he will secure some votes that probably would have gone to the

Although there have been some signs of economic im-provement. Texas has gone through another weak year. Senior Republicans admit that the economy is undermining their base of voters. "People in their thirties and forties are finding for the first time they don't have lifetime jobs," said Karen Hughes, executive director of the state

Republican party. "There is a great deal of soul-searching going on." Some Republicans believe

that the only way to win is to press home personal attacks on Mr Clinion, bringing up the draft-dodging issue Texas is very pro-military -and push family values. "Voters in Texas are God-fearing people who respect a regular Hollywood set-up," said Brian Berry, the Texas Bush campaign director. But other Re-publicans fear the family values approach, arguing that voters are more concerned about dollars and jobs than telling other people how to live

In the end, the campaign will probably come down to whether people trust President Bush or Mr Clinton on the tax issue. There is a Texan saying: "If you fool people to get their money, that's fraud; if you fool people to get their votes, that's politics." In this anti-tax state. the presidential candidates are trying to label each other as the higher taxers. Butter, of course, would not melt in their

NEWS IN BRIEF

Girl wins \$5m after birth swap

New York: A Florida teenager, given to the wrong parents at birth, will receive more than \$5 million (£2.9) million) in damages from the hospital where she was born. in a settlement approved by a federal court this week (Ben

Macintyre writes).

Kimberly Mays, 13, and Arlena Twigg were born in 1978 in Hardee Memorial hospital in Wauchula. The swap went unnoticed until Arlena underwent tests in 1988, just before her death from heart disease. The investigations proved that Ernest and Regina Twigg were not

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her biological parents. In 1989, Robert Mays agreed to submit Kimberly to genetic testing. When geneticists confirmed that the babies had been swapped, both sides sued the hospital. The battle over custody continues.

Talks agreed

Dubaj: Iran and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to hold talks in Abu Dhabi over the disputed Gulf island of Abu Musa that Tehran effectively annexed. (Reuter)

Cuban act

Miami: The US Congress is ready to pass an act that will increase economic pressure on Cuba by forbidding American firms in third countries from trading with the island.

Leader elected

Hanoi: General Le Duc Anh. 72, a Communist party official and Vietnam's senior military officer, has been elected president. He was the sole candidate. (Reuter)

Tomb project

Cairo: Egypt and the Getty Conservation Institute of America have announced a project to find ways of rescuing paintings in Tutankhamun's tomb. (Reuter)

Battle of sexes

Brisbane: The contest to find the toughest man in Australia could be won by a woman because the organiser has opened it to both sexes. (AP)

Japanese press flocks to ruffle feathers of disgraced rare species

FROM JOANNA PITMAN

DAY and night, in scorching heat and in rain, they perch precariously on tiny fold-up stools, their knees bunched up beneath their chins. Some pick at lunch boxes of cold rice and fish, others flip through comic books, but most just let their heads loll forward in fitful and impossibly uncomfortable sleep, the technique honed from a lifetime of long hours in cramped commuter trains.

They are Japan's crack teams of reporters and photographers, waiting with room lenses and tape recorders for a semi-endangered species to emerge from hibernation. "This one's a tricky

assignment," said one jaded journalist. Had he been a nature

reporter, his quarry might have been some graceful. lesser spotted marsh bird. But he is a top political correspondent, and for the past 27 days he and his colleagues have been standing weary vigil outside the large redbrick Tokyo home of Shin Kanemaru, the disgraced former vice-president of the ruling Liberal Democratic party, who is known to most Japanese as the "godfather" of national politics.

Implicated in the country's 18th and arguably ugliest postwar political scandal, Mr Kanemaru has remained under a kind of self-imposed house arrest since his admission, almost a month ago, that in June 1989 he took delivery of a 500 million ven (£2.2 million) cash gift from Hiroyasu Watanabe, the then president of Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin, an ambitious trucking firm. In a suitably repentant statement on August 26, Mr Kanemaru resigned as party vice-president and apologised for accepting and failing to report a donation which was five times the legal limit. He appears to believe that his verbal claims of

contrition will satisfy Japan's legal establishment. Huddled with party advisers in an inner sanctum of his home, he is refusing to speak to the teams of public prosecutors who knock regularly on his bolted front door,

politely asking him to submit himself for questioning at the Tokyo district court.

Mr Watanabe was in the dock at the Tokyo district court yesterday, on the first day of his trial, pleading innocent to charges of breach of trust and of offering illegal loans to the head of Tokyo's largest yakuza (gangster) mob. But Mr Kanemaru's considerable political clout has rendered his home inviolate so far. The only visitors allowed beyond those expensive portals, apart from the delivery boys who keep his larder stocked, are trusted

party colleagues. Last Thursday, Mr Kanemaru celebrated his 78th birthday at home, welcoming 30 senior MPs who made the



Kanemaru: accepted £2.2 million gift

pilgrimage bearing gifts of exotic flowers and bottles of sake. Journalists stationed outside reckoned that the party was rather a jolly affair.

and Mr Kanemaru has since settled back into his routine of watching television, playing mah jong and exercising up and down the back stairs with his dog. His colleagues have clearly made a point of coming out in sympathy, for Mr Kane-maru's plight could have be-

fallen any one of them, given the culture of corruption which saturates the party. The circumstances and the

size of the Sagawa donation were, however, rather unusual. According to the Asahi newspaper, on June 9, 1989. Mr Watanabe, then president of Sagawa, drove to a garage beneath Mr Kanemaru's office. There he unlocked his car boot and unloaded so many carrier notes (50,000 in all) that Mr Kanemaru's secretary was forced to fetch a supermarket trolley to transport the haul to the office. Mr Kanemaru is the most

senior politician to have been implicated in the Sagawa scandal, a slowly unfolding saga involving payouts worth an estimated 520 billion yen to politicians and government officials.

Mr Kanemaru could be charged with violation of the funds law, bringing a fine of 200,000 yen but, more significantly, public humiliation. But few believe the Sagawa scandal will topple the government or trigger significant change to money politics

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World ostracises 'Yugoslavia'

BY MARC WELLER

When the Soviet Union fell apart, Russia was accepted as the successor state. The rump Yugoslavia had hoped for similar treatment. However, there is one crucial difference. The republics of the former Soviet Union had agreed to nominate Moscow as their principle representative in New York. In the case of Yugoslavia, all republics other than Serbia and Montenegro have denied that automatic succession should take place.

The authorities in Belgrade have now been specifically invited to apply for admission to the UN, and Milan Panic,

bers were unwilling to exclude Mr Panic's government altogether, considering that its cooperation is needed to manage the increasingly difficult and dangerous mandate of the UN peacekeepers in Serb-occupied Croatia and in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Other delegations argued that the United Nations had failed to comply with the proper UN Charter process. dures for the explusion of members or for the suspension of their privileges. This view was mistaken. Although the former Yugoslavia has disappeared in fact and in law, it actually retains its member-ship for the moment. Its ghostly presence in the General Assembly will be marked by a name-plate and its flag will continue to fly outside of the UN headquarters. The former Yugoslav delegation, which now represents the new Belgrade authorities, will continue to have access to all UN bodies except the General

Assembly.
Under the terms of the UN Charter, only "peaceloving" states may be admitted, and admission is subject to a veto in the security council. The Western states have thus acquired another lever to exert pressure on Beigrade.

Marc Weller lectures on the law of the United Nations at the University of Cambridge.

US wants war crimes trials for atrocities in Yugoslavia

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

ONLY a day after the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia was ex-pelled from the United Na-tions General Assembly, the Western powers yesterday began discussing an American proposal to set up an international commission to prosecute those responsible for war crimes in the former Yugoslav republics.

Washington has presented the United Nations with a list of what it considers credible allegations of murder, the torture of prisoners, deliberate attacks on non-combatants, and the mass deportation of civilians known as "ethnic cleansing". Most of the alleged war crimes are attributed to Serb forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina, although some charges are also levelled at Croat and Muslim troops. Among the allegations in

Anti-Yeltsin camp steps up attacks

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

CRITICS of President Yelfsin's reforms in the Supreme Soviet yesterday intensified their calls for the Russian government's resignation. But Yegor Gaidar, the reformist acting prime minister, won a breathing space when his opponents failed by 130 votes to 30, with 28 abstentions, to win a vote of no-confidence in his government.

The tactical alliance of communists and nationalists who wish to see the administration removed and slow down Russia's transition to a market economy has drawn fresh strength from the face of the rouble. The currency dived again on Tuesday, for the second time in less than a month, when traders on the Moscow exchange frantically bought dollars as insurance against inflation. The rouble now stands at 241 to the dollar, from 205 at the end of last week.

The atmosphere at yester-day's parliamentary session was ill-humoured and reproachful as MPs accused Mr Gaidar of hiding the true state of the Russian economy behind promises of improvement in the next quarter. But he got unexpected support from Vice-President Alexander Ruskoi, a fierce critic of the cabinet, who said that Mr Gaidar should retain his post.

the nine-page American report is testimony from a former inmate of the Serb-run Luka detention camp in Brcko, who said he had been told that there were up to 1,000 killings there in May after which the bodies were buried in a mass grave near a livestock farm called Bimex-Brcko. A citizen who heard screams when he visited a cattle slaughterhouse near the Luka camp said that he spoke with a survivor who said between 100 and 300 people were killed there daily from

May 7 to 14. The report also contained eyewitness accounts from two Americans serving in the Croatian army who were beaten daily from March to May while held in three prisoner of war camps. They said they had seen other prisoners sexually assaulted and tortured

with electric shocks.

Richard Boucher, a State Department spokesman, said:
"We are working actively with others on a resolution to create a United Nations commission to look into these charges, to establish the facts, and to prepare for possible prosecu-tion of individuals found guilty of those crimes.

Diplomats said talks on the proposal between Britain, France and the United States began yesterday, but were likely to proceed fairly slowly. The initial result could be the creation of a central body within the United Nations to collate evidence of war crimes.

The American move was intended to increase pressure on Serb leaders whose forces have taken control of about two-thirds of the ethnically mixed former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The UN General Assembly voted 127-6 on Tuesday night to bar the rump Yugoslav state, consisting of Serbia and Montenegro, from taking the seat of the former Yugoslavia. The Belgrade government will have to reapply for UN membership.

The Yugoslav flag raised outside the UN building yesterday, but diplomats pointed out that it was the flag of the old Yugoslavia, not the new Belgrade government. Yugoslavia's nameplate remained in the General Assembly hall, but the seat was left empty. Milan Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, told the General Assembly before Yugoslavia's exclusion that he was engaged in an internal power struggle with "militant nationalists

He had formally requested UN membership for what he called the "new Yugoslavia".

YUGOSLAVIA of what he claimed was the interna-(Tim Judah and Dessa Trevisan write

Sitting it out: Milos Strugar, a member of the Yugoslav delegation staying on alone after Milan Panic, the country's prime minister, walked out of the United Nations before the General Assembly vote that suspended Yugo-slavia's membership in the world body. Serbia's ruling Socialist party reacted angrily yesterday to the expulsion of Yugoslavia, saying that the move was "illegitimate" and a "flagrant contra-diction of UN rules and practices"

from Belgrade). Mihailo Markovic, a top party official who is close to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serb president, said: "There will be no reapplication, at least until we get an interpretation from the International Court in The Hague

Mr Markovic cited Russia's succession to the old Soviet seat and Pakistan's retention of its seat after the secession of Bangladesh as examples

tional legal norm. The fact, he said, that Mr Panic had applied for membership for the "new Yugoslavia", composed of Serbia and Montenegro, against the wishes of parliament, did not mean his downfall was imminent.

"What he has done is not legally binding until parliament ratifies it, and that is normal in every country." The opposition said the expulsion was an indictment of Serbia sleadership.

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City tells Britain to carry on spying

BY ANNE MCELVOY

Old habits die hard in Russia, and nowhere harder than in the security ministry, successor to the KGB, which has given a less than cordial welcome to Barbara Hay, the new British consul-general in St Petersburg. Despite being appointed a year ago, she is still languishing in cnforced luxury in the Grand Hotel Europe because the Foreign Office has been unable to secure a suitable building to house her.

Anatoli Sobchak the city's controversial mayor. recently stepped in to help. offering elegant 19th-century quarters near the town hall to the great relief of Miss Hay, who promptly prepared to pack her bags. But the decision enraged local security chiefs, who claimed that cables carrying government information from the town hall run under the building. As a result they are casting undiplomatic doubts on Britain's haste to occupy it.

"It is British intelligence which wants access to our cables." thundered Andrei Korodkhov, the ministry's liaison officer before lapsing into the strangled tones which are a nostalgic reminder that, while the KGB may be dead, its voice lives on: "In case a decision is taken in favour of granting access to a foreign country. the precedent will have been set for the British intelligence service to secure access to classified information using various technical means and devices. This would not be a healthy development."

The ministry's word however is no longer law. The city council has voted to back the mayor and approve the consular move. "If British intelligence really wants to listen in on all the municipal squabbles, they are welcome to it." one council insider said.

R ussia is not traditionally the place to come in search of the fashion season's new collections, not unless you have a penchant for elasticated waists and purple acrylic. The first oasis has, however, appeared in the desert with Escada, the international fashion house, opening for business.

The shop has chosen premises in the Passage on the Nevski Prospekt, the chandeliered shopping mall that attracted wealthy wives in pre-revolutionary days, but now offers little more than kitchen hardware and those ubiquitous Russian dolls.

Little wonder that modem housewives descend here in droves to indulge their dreams, if not actually to buy. At one display, for instance, a young insurance cierk was glumly calculating that a single blouse would cost her entire salary

UN puts Belgrade in a legal limbo

THE United Nations General Assembly and Security Coun-cil, who decide jointly about UN membership, have determined that the rump Yugoslavia, composed of Serbia and Montenegro, cannot automatically assume the membership of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This decision reflects general inter-national law and the findings of the arbitration commission anached to the London conference on Yugoslavia, although it appears at first inconsistent ith earlier practice.

the prime minister, has agreed to do so. Logically, the deci-sion would imply that Yugoslavia cannot participate in any activities of the organisation, except as an observer and by special permission. However, several UN mem-

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Fears grow for future of Community single currency as workers take to streets in Rome

Germans join French to save the franc

FRANCE and Germany fought side by side in the currency markets yesterday to save both the French franc from devaluation and the European Community's exchange-rate system from early reurement.

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By going jointly into battle the two government's hoped to answer the deepest question posed by the continuing turmoil over the Maastricht treaty: can the timetable for a European single currency survive a combination of German eluctance to abolish the mark, British foot-dragging and Danish doubts?

Many streams have joined the torrent of speculation that swept sterling and the Italian lira out of the European exchange-rate mechanism and yesterday put the franc once more under pressure. But the root cause of the present instability is guessing by deal-ers about the end of the decade: they believe that Maastricht's iron law, by which qualified economies automatically must join a monetary union between 1997 and 1999, is already suffering metal fatigue.

The financial emergency, popular revolt against the treaty and the lukewarm French "yes" in Sunday's ref-erendum have reordered priorities and rearranged alliances. Officials at the Elysée presidential palace in Paris TREATY'S FATE

Dealers think the treaty's iron law has metal fatigue, George Brock writes

and at the chancery in Bonn are working all out to reenergise European union while avoiding renegotiation of the treaty.

But, psychologically, Europe's key governments are already rewriting it. Protocols and declarations are being drafted, attempting the difficult feat of altering the way the treaty distributes future power in the Community without altering the main text. Maastricht's fate, however

turns on the wobbling ERM. Weaker currencies are still under pressure and this will be high on the agenda when EC ministers meet here next Monday. Italy has reneged on its promise to rejoin the system. Spain, already forced into a 5 per cent devaluation of the peseta, reimposed capital controls yesterday, reversing the liberalising trend of the 1992 single market pro-gramme Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, said this week that any second Maastricht referendum might not take place until late next year. If the treaty stays in limbo that long, the ERM will become a shooting range where dealers can take potshots at target currencies for

another 12 months.

For political as much as economic reasons, the Bun-desbank will try hard to defend the franc to fail would be a frontal attack on the EC's founding partnership. But can the German central bank and the Bonn government find common ground on what should happen if the ERM does manage to survive be-yond the special EC summit on October 16?

Hans Tietmeyer, the Bun-desbank's heir-apparent, has

made quite clear that he resented France's years of "blockading" his earlier at-tempts to realign the ERM. Paris wanted to make it look like a rehearsal for full monetary union.

France's negotiating triumph at Maastricht was to Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to a monetary union of an unknown number of states by the end of the century. Volker Rühe, the German defence minister, talked cautiously this week about submitting later decisions on a single currency to parliamentary vote. He was not only responding to powerTONTON ET KOHL DANS LE MÊME BATEAU...



... VERS UN TRAFALGAR MONETAIRE?

"Uncle [Mitterrand] and Kohl in the same boat . . . towards a monetary Trafalgar?" — Le Canard Enchainé

Germany against the pro-grammed loss of the mark but also confident that France has little choice but to meet Ger-

nomic dependence on Bonn and Frankfurt will become clear when President Mitterrand and Herr Kohl's full governments have discussed rapid moves to a six-country for agreeing what would be a German currency union, France and Germany would

both bring down interest rates to kick-start economic activity. But the plan would be open to attack in France for completing the state's economic subordination to its oldest enemy.

Italians protest at budget

FROM REUTER IN ROME

TENS of thousands of workers angry over government austerity measures took to the streets yesterday in some of the biggest anti-government protests in Italy since the early 1970s. But Giuliano Amato. the prime minister, unswayed

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by the protests, said that he was ready to use a confidence vote to force the programme through unchanged

The package of cuts in health and social services unveiled last week by Signor Amato in his 1993 budget bill aims to stem the relentless rise of Italy's huge budget deficit The prime minister, warning Italy's fractious political par-ries that torpedoing his government was tantamount to national suicide, said he was prepared to make his 1993 budget a confidence issue to which the cabiner's fate would

Signor Amato reaffirmed that he was determined to take the fira back "very rapidly" into the European currency grid from which it was effectfyely suspended last Thursday. but said fraly needed to see how the situation evolved on currency markets.

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France counts cost of Bonn's affection FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

Whew! "Germany has finally done its duty for France," proclaimed an un-usually lively article in Le Monde yesterday after Bonn threw its unassallable weight behind the franc.

Why, a suffering Briton might wonder, should Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, come riding to the rescue of the embattled French frame while his central bankers left the pound twisting in the financial tempest last week?

The reasons have nothing to do with national affections and everything to do with the mutual needs which have bound the Franco-German

ERM STRAINS

decades. Since France is the founding partner, along with Germany, of the European monetary system and the owner of Europe's currently healthiest economy, submission to the speculative onslaught would amount to the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM). That in turn would signal the end for prospects of European monetary union.

France started paying the bill for Maastricht and monetary union a decade ago when President Mitterrand per-formed his U-turn from a first year of socialism, inflicted painful austerity on his country and locked the franc into step with the mark. Since then. French economic policy effectively has been dictated by the Bundesbank.

The result, as Hans Tietmeyer, the vice-president of Germany's central bank, said with only a little exaggerstronger than the mark". The attack on the French currency stemmed from the political iitters unleashed by the grudging "yes" in the Maastricht referendum, not underlying weakness.

H owever, the close embrace of Germany is coming at an ever higher price as German interest rates have slowed French growth and leaders on both sides are questioning the wisdom of tighter European union as envisaged by M Mitterrand and Herr Kohl and sold to the other ten members at Maastricht. German policy has scuppered the hope of Pierre Beregovoy, the French prime minister, that the franc fort

would enable him to break

free of the need to emulate Bundesbank policy. This would have allowed him to inject financial oxygen into the economy ahead of general elections next March.

The rejection of Maastricht by almost half the voters was in large part a cry of pain from the victims of the stern medicine that has hurt whole industries and ignited a tide of bitterness among workers. artisans, peasant farmers and shopkeepers. The villain, in the eyes of the dispossessed, is sors, Herr Kohl has let France act as the political and diplomatic driver of the European eonomic locomotive

The chancellor's relationship with Britain, by contrast, is markedly cooler, although better than it was under Margaret Thatcher. The apparent lack of German support for sterling in its moment of crisis last week has given rise to some extraordinary conspiracy theories of a deliberate German attempt to propel sterling out of the ERM and Britain out of Europe. From a British point of view. the question will undoubtedly be asked what would have happened had the Germans supported sterling last week as they supported the franc.

ronically, in terms of the L amounts of money spent in support operations. Bundeshank has done a lot more for sterling than for the franc. although not out of friendship but because of its commitments under ERM rules. No official data are available from the Bundesbank, but it is estimated that the Germans spent about 35 billion marks (£13.7 billion) to help sterling last week up until "Black Wednesday", the day when sterling was suspended from the ex-

change-rate mechanism. The amount that the Bundesbank has spent to sustain the French franc is small by comparison. Sterling is, of course, a "bigger" currency than the franc and an easier target for attack by speculators. But the amount of money spent in support operations is probably not the most important factor.

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Booms and busts

Walter Ellis on a town

that died of hope

affield today will be reading its own obituaries. Yesterday's announcement by British Aerospace that it is to cease production in the Hertfordshire town, with the resulting loss of 2,000 jobs, was a death warrant that had been feared for some time but still had the power to shock it represents not just a defeat for a plane-building community with traditions dating back more than 50 years but a savage riposte to the view that national salvation can be achieved

through technology.

The white heat of the technological revolution, so optimistically touted by Harold Wilson in the 1960s, has finally run cold in Hatfield. By the end of this century, if the analysts are to be believed, British Aerospace will concentrate its civil aircraft production in Taiwan, a focal point for the fastest

growing market in the world.

Only ever a bit-player in the last Great Game, Haffield has ended up a victim of British muddle and Far Eastern dynamism. Its rapid decline and fall can be seen as a paradigm of the confusion that has gripped British industry sine the 1960s. It happened in the Midlands with car production. It happened in Ulster with synthetic fibres. It happened in Glasgow with shipbuilding. Wherever a single industry dominates a town or a region. bringing with it the mood of a gold rush, sooner or later there will be a collapse.

Britain, unlike Germany and Japan, has rarely got the manufacturing mix right. In aerospace alone, we have had the Comet, the TSR2, Blue Streak, the Trident and Concorde - each one a potential winner, each a commercial disaster. New towns, like Hatfield, conceived as a synthesis of industry and good-living, harnessing labour to the engines of democracy, have ended up desolate monuments to this miscalculation. The skilled workers who were supposed to raise their families in the midst of a "model" environment

have been cast up by a shift in the industrial tide. Hatfield itself, centred on the Jacobean glory of Harfield House, built by Robert Cecil. 1st Earl of Salisbury, would have remained the blameless market town it always was had it not been for the planners and the planemakers. In 1946 a "new town" was boited onto the old. Housing estates rose from the surrounding fields, with narrow roads whose grass verges were to be churned by Morris Minors and Ford Cortinas. In the centre, close to the 13th-century St Ethelreda's church, a 1960s commercial centre was built. Such confidence has made the present crisis all the harder to

he director of the local economy research unit at the newly-created University of Hertfordshire, Al Rainne, sees a bleak future for Hatfield. "I'm beginning to wonder how much local economy there will be left to research", he said yesterday. "I feel like a vulture picking at the carcase." When Sir Geoffrey De Havilland began to build aeroplanes in Hatfield in 1935, Britain was a world leader. The Mosquito was buill in Hameid, and after the war the Comet the world's first jetliner - was developed there, to a chorus of bureaucratic and popular approval. Had the Comet not had square windows, it is said, the series of crashes that blighted its career might never have taken place and Hatfield, not Seattle, would now be the headquarters of the global

it might have ended there, instead, the town was given a second chance when De Havilland and Hawker Siddeley came together in 1975 to form British Aerospace. The new company was to become the biggest manufacturing exporter in the country, and Hatfield was one of the principle beneficiaries. Once more, the dream ran riot.

Hatfield prospered, and by 1987, the peak of the Thatcher boom, 7,500 people were employed at its nearby Welwyn site. Then came the fall. Boom turned to bust. Shops began to be boarded up. Small businesses started to close and the unemployment swelled to 8.5 per cent. Last week, the ambitious Hatfield Galleria, a multi-million pound shopping centre, went into receivership. Yesterday's announcement was the final blow.

For the people of Hatfield, so recently persuaded to believe that, for them at least, the political and industrial establishment had got their future right, the harvest is a bitter one. Their sense of loss will be shared by the nation.

The narrow vision of the little Englanders will continue to cost Britain dear, argues Peter Millar

arewell the trumpets. How is it that the British never celebrate anything with as much gusto as a glorious retreat? To judge from the political and media fanfares since Norman Lamont's spectacular about turn, you could be forgiven for thinking we had just come through Agincourt, instead of Dunkirk. There will be those who see the markets' attack on the franc as proof that we got out just in time. We British, the little Englanders proclaim, are once again masters of our own economic destiny, regrouping for a new assault on the German-dominated mainland. This is wishful thinking taken to the point of wilful blindness. True, we may, just may, have sabotaged the European dream for the time being. But while we rejoice over the falling cost of our mortgages, we blissfully ignore the wider per-spective in the eyes of the world we have reconfirmed the post-war historical truth that Germany's rise and Britain's decline are linked in an inverse proportional

ratio, directly reflected in the

Mrs Thatcher's unbuckable

euthanasia in the wake of the

case of Dr Nigel Cox. I hope,

though, that I may add a few

more, if only because the crux in

this case will remain a crux even

if it leads to new legislation on the subject. For in any case, such

legislation will first have to be piloted through dozens of Scyllas and scores of Charybdises.

Most people, it is clear from

the comment on the case, think Dr Cox was right to do what he did. The unbearable suffering

that Mrs Boyes was going through to no possible purpose, would have softened any heart, and even an immovably stony

one would surely not condemn the action of the doctor, and

indeed would commend the

King Solomon solution of the

judge. But I have seen almost no comment on the jury.
Here I must take issue with my

old friend Ludovic Kennedy. Ludo is a passionate supporter of

voluntary euthanasia; I am not.

But although we differ on the question, to which I shall return.

inai is not why i must immed

iately reprove him. He wrote,

after the trial ended, that the jury "were not an impressive lot";

everybody is unimpressive to

somebody, even to Ludo and me,

but that can be forgiven; what

shocked me was of a very

different nature. I quote him,

again on the jury:

ashamed.'

value of their currencies.

Why do we fear Europe? here who violently oppose any prophets, the markets themsuch move on our part affect to selves, have spoken by their do so out of a determination to actions. The irresistible rise of the mark is not so much a comment protect British companies. But on the strength of the German what is this than another indica-Europe. The dichotomy in our tion to the world that when it economy, currently weaker than it has been for some time, but on comes to compension on equal terms, without the shelter of a

the iron nerve, patriotism and devalued currency to make our financial acumen of the men in products cheaper, the British are the Bundesbank. There is only just not up to it? The gut reasons one currency that matters now in for opposition to monetary union Europe. The exchange rate are not economic but the instincmechanism (ERM) has been tive nationalism of those who seriously shaken, but it may only have never understood the Eurohave shaken loose those bits that nean dream. were going to fall off anyway. It is a dream in which national The strain of being almost, but identities are not lost, but rather not quite, the German mark may regional identities enhanced: well be too much. The answer now being seriously considered yes, a "United States of Europe" f you must, that would break in Bonn and Paris is to go all out for monetary union, entailing a down eventually into even smaller units than the present nation-states and satisfy the desire for devolution of Scots, Catalans, much greater degree of political congruence, as soon as possible, The Bundesbank men's patrio-

Piedmontese, Bretons and Bavarians, all within a framework tism is, after all, tied to currency rather than country.

It is a tough decision. Those of free trade, free movement, and

equality before common laws. That is what the Germans meant by federalism. Is it so awful? Once upon a time Britain had no doubt that it was part of

political psyche goes back only to the post-war days when the continent was rubble and the special relationship with the United States — with Churchill's History of the English-Speaking Peoples as its bible — seen as a way of passing the superpower mande to reliable, fellow Anglo-Saxons. Continental systems from Napoleon to Hitler had an understandably nasty taste in the British mouth. We have never seen them for what they were: an atavistic attempt by one side, then the other, to reconcile the millennium-old division of Charlemagne's empire.

Nor did we understand that the European Coal and Steel Community, the embryonic EC, was the beginning of a new attempt to do the same thing from a more acceptable neutral centre. The Charlemagne prize awarded annually in Aachen to great proponents of the European cause is a legacy of this presiding myth.

The meagre French Yes vote in Sunday's referendum was an indication that many Frenchmen still fear the Community could end up more Reich than empire. But the speed of Franco-German political consultations afterwards shows that both countries' leaders know this is more of a risk without the EC. The present upsurge of violence in Germany is not an indication of a growing neo-Nazi movement, but of the intolerable pressure of mass immigration into a country

struggling to redefine its identity. There are only two answers: a Germany that is part of a cohesive political and economic European entity, or a Germany that, faute de mieux, reasserts its

sumes — independent of a fading EC — the world role that it is still surprised to find others expecting of it. Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand are men with little time left at the top. If they succeed on Europe, then they will have reshaped the political and economic map of the world - a task which since 1989 no longer seems so impossible. If they fail, we will soon see Europe restored to an approximation of the early part of this century. Balkan war and all.

Either way the sidelines will not be as safe or comfortable as we imagine. Britain risks being left in self-regarding complacency, consoling itself with the illusion of a special relationship with a decreasingly Anglo-Saxon and increasingly introspective superpower, its role in Europe reduced to that of a fifth column for infiltrating Japanese products. True, we will have avoided "occupation", cut off our nose to save our stiff upper lip. We will need it, because a future cut off from Europe may entail a lot of blood, sweat and tears. And that

No justice in a merciful release

Bernard Levin defends the law against euthanasia after the Cox case aiready been spo-ken and written on the subject of



guilty, and to follow their feelings, which were to commend the doctor and his mercy.

They had stuck to the letter of All honour to them in upholdthe law, as they promised they ing the law. And Ludo of all would, and in my view should be people, who has so often unsheathed the sword of justice, should not criticise the members No: it is Ludo who should be of a jury for doing their inescap-able duty. I think he has not ashamed. As the law stands, doing what Dr Cox did. even though it was undoubtedly an recently read or seen Robert action of kindness on his part. Bolt's play A Man for all Seasons, let me remind him of was a crime. It was noted that some of the jury were weeping when they came back into the an exchange between Sir Thomas More and his son-in-law courtroom after eight hours of deliberation: their tears must William Roper, in the play: The law. Roper, the law. I know have been caused by the agony they felt in being pulled simultawhat's legal, not what's right. And I'll stick to what's neously in opposite directions legal... What would you do? Cut a great road through the law to to follow their duty, which left them no choice but a finding of get after the Devil?

"I'd cut down every law in England to do that!"

"Oh? And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned round on you - where would you hide. Roper, the laws being all flat? This country's planted thick with laws from coast to coast - Man's laws, not God's -and if you cut them down - and you're just the man to do it -d'you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then?"

Now; the laws which would prohibit euthanasia in this country were not passed without reason, and must be defended with reason. When the proeuthanasia argument is given an airing, it is usually accompanied by the details of the safeguards that a bill legalising euthanasia would have to observe. They are "... the request impressive: must come from the patient and from no other; must be sustained and can be withdrawn at any time; the patient must be told that his condition is incurable: the nationt's doctor must consult another doctor unknown to him: and next of kin must be in-

the patient's decision. That is a formidable set of barriers: an honourable man like Ludo would not have accepted the post of vice-president, without such rules. But I have never envisaged a gang of mad doctors out of a horror film, busily euthanasing anyone who passes

formed, though without any say

in approving or disapproving of

Peter Brookes their laboratories. Somethins very different makes me pause. have called it, in many contexts, The Fallacy of the Altered Standpoint, and it can be seen working in a form familiar to almost everybody, whether involved directly or as a spectator. When the laws that were to legalise abortion in Britain were going through Parliament, I made a vow not to take a position in the argument, and I never have, though for some time both sides pressed me to join their ranks. I shall not break my selfimposed rule now, either, but this I may ask in tones of genuine impartiality: did you

think, and do you think that the

legislators thought, that Britain

was legalising abortion for any

cause or for none, that they were legalising abortion on demand which, de facto, is what Britain has? I repeat that I take neither side of the argument: I just want you to think for a moment whether you imagined, when the Bill was going through (with all its safeguards), that that would be the outcome.

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I think, whichever side you take, that you have just answered my question in the negative. The Fallacy of the Altered Standpoint has worked its effect, and that which was once unthinkable where you stood then, is now not only thought, but carried out, where we stand now.

nd where do we stand? We have certainly strengthened the euthanasia cause with the terrible story of Mrs Boyes: who would have wished her agony to have gone on a minute more? In the face of such dreadfulness. many people will very naturally begin to think "what if it was me?", and then "what if it was one of my loved ones?"

Yet the Fallacy of the Altered Standpoint is not nullified by hard cases make bad law. And the problems of euthanasia are not confined to those who crave death: what of the doctors? Dr Cox's decision was evidently formed under the very greatest pressure - the torture that his friend and patient was suffering. What becomes of the medical profession when the deliberate killing by doctors of patients is a commonplace? And the nurses who have to watch, or - as it will turn out -- measure out the lethal dose? And even - but that's a trifle here - what goes down on the death certificate?

Ludovic Kennedy, asked after the Cox-Boyes case whether it would strengthen the argument for euthanasia, said that it certainly would, and that "in years to come the Cox case will be seen as a kind of watershed". I fear it will be; but I have much greater fear when I contemplate the Altered Standpoint taking up its new position.

...and moreover Craig Brown

feel 50-50 about the poet Craig Raine. There aren't all that many writers called Craig. In my experience, most Craigs tend to be five-year-old boys irritating their mothers with constant whining in supermarkets. Perhaps these five-year-olds will eventually become writers. John Osbornes all. But until then we writerly Craigs should stick

On the other hand, I also entertain peevish feelings towards Craig Raine. Starting out in journalism, I was greatly helped. like so many others, by the patronage of the then editor of the Times Literary Supplement, John Gross. Before long, I was reviewing a book for the TLS almost

Alas, I was soon to discover that the name I was hoping to make for myself was in fact already someone else's. "Hello, it's Craig Brown." I would say to the relevant editor on the TLS. "Craig Raine!" they would reply excitedlv. "No. Craig Brown," I would say. "Oh. Right," they would

reply dejectedly. It was with a certain guilty satisfaction, then, that I read Philip Larkin's recently-published description of Craig Raine as "a bearded loony". This was one of many recent savagings of the bearded. When Ian Maxwell grew a beard to tie in with his bankruptcy, latent anti-beardism in our society ran riot. It showed he had something to hide it showed he was falling to pieces; it showed a new yearning for obscurity: columnists everywhere took up cudgels against the beard.

Just before the bearding of Ian Maxwell, Victoria Glendinning's biography of Anthony Trollope had been published, and antibeardism spread to the literary pages. In the Sunday Times, John Carey described Trollope as "fat, bald and piggy-eyed with hair bursting out of his face like stuffing out of a sofa".

Meanwhile, over in America, H. Ross Perot had been finding it increasingly hard to defend charges against himself that he, too, was an anti-beardist, particularly when it was revealed that he had once sacked an orthodox Jew for refusing to shave. Perot had managed to find a rabbi willing to argue at the unfair dismissal tribunal that though the Bible banned shaving, plucking was perfectly permissible, but this only served to increase the agonies of the beartly lobby.

Other great anti-beardists in history include Ray Kroc and Peter the Great. Ray Kroc, you will remember, was the founder and senior chairman of McDonald's hamburger chain who banned all beards on employees right up to the mid-Seventies. Peter the Great was even more vehement in his dislike, unable to stop pulling out the beards of his courtiers by the roots, or shaving them so roughly that their skin came off too.

On September 5, 1698, he personally shaved the faces of all his senior officials. "The scene was remarkable," wrote his biographer, "at a stroke the political military and social leaders of Russia were bodily transformed. Faces known and recognised for a lifetime suddenly vanished. New faces appeared."

In a mood of leniency, Peter

instituted a tax on all those who wished to remain bearded. Having paid their tax, they were required to wear bronze medal-lions around their necks, each with a picture of a beard and the inscription "Tax Paid". Who knows? This might explain the number of bearded medallionwearers still at large, particularly amidst the beach-bars of the Mediterranean. Personally. I have often been

tempted to join Craig Raine in his

beard, or at least in one of my own, and I think I might have done so already were it not for the innate anti-beardism of those I hold dear. I find shaving a dreary process, and would be only too happy to let my face run wild. Also as I slide inexorably from balding to bald, I have noticed that a beard acts as remarkable camouflage, distracting the antibaldist tendency into an illusion of hairiness, with no need for the newly hirsute even to walk down the street with their heads upside down. Sir Peter Hall, Sir William Golding and Sir Clement Freud are three examples of men who have shaken off the baldy sneers through the growth of a beard. and each of them, I need hardly point out, has been rewarded with a knighthood. Those of you with

pencils about your persons might

now care to draw a beard on the

photo above. Then you could

change that "Brown" to a

will have created your very own

bearded loony.

'Raine", and - hey presto! - you

Tough talk on gift guidelines

IF David Mellor has breached the guidelines on ministerial gifts he has no option but to resign, Lord Blake told the diary yesterday. At the same time he called for a "clarification" of the rules governing such presents. Blake, the official party historian and the most senior Tory figure yet to voice doubts over David Mellor's future, believes that the debade over the secretary of state's free holiday means that what have historically been merely guidelines must now be strengthened with powers of

There is no point in having guidelines if that means they can simply be ignored," says Blake, who is also one of the Queen's constitutional advisers. "If it becomes dear that David Mellor has breached those guidelines he should resign and he should do so without delay."

Standards have grown stricter, Blake says, and ministers must accept that public scrutiny these days is far greater. In the past it was considered quite acceptable even for ministers to hold directorships. though that began to change in the 1920s when Lord Birkenhead, a member of the Cabinet, stirred up trouble in the Commons by accepting lucrative payments for newspaper articles.

"But in recent years I don't think the convention has altered much," Blake says. "Ministers should be aware of the risks and exercise the proper judgements."

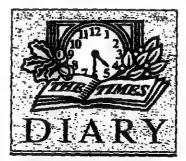
graphs and were drawn up in

secrecy by Sir Robin Butler, the

Cabinet secretary. They were pub-

lished for the first time in May and

Questions of Procedure for Ministers", the guidelines coveringthese matters stretch to 134 para-



declare: "Gifts of small value (currently this should be put at £125) may be retained by the recipient. Gifts of a higher value should be handed over to the Department for its disposal, except that the recipient may purchase the gift at its cash value (abated by

No one in Whitehall was yesterday able to explain how the £125 ceiling had been decided. A Cabinet Office spokeswoman said: "The figure was set in 1991 to cover the life of this Parliament. But it can be revised from time to time in the light of inflation". Or even devaluation?

■ Twelve inches of rain, at least 25 dead, entire villages cut off and helicopters rescuing the stranded - but still the French trains were running like clockwork. A London spokesman for SNCF, the French Railway network, said: "At the very worst there have been delays of up to 15 minutes but the service has not been disrupted". By contrast after less than four inches of min, InterCity West Coast aut 70 per cent of services yesterday and the three trains an hour which were running suffered severe delays.

Objection!

GEORGE CARMAN, fresh from his appearance in the Mona Euwens libel trial, ran straight

into his old adversary Peter Carter-Ruck on Tuesday night at a party to launch Lord Rawlinson's new novel. Carter-Ruck says Carman should stick to criminal law. "I think he is a first-class advocate and cross-examiner," said Carter-Ruck, picking his words as carefully as any libel lawyer could. " But I think George is better suited to criminal cases than he is to libel ones."

Carman, his silk tongue showing no signs of being loosened by the wine flowing freely at the party in inner Temple, was noncommital on the trial. "But I do think the freedom of the press is at stake at the moment, and that seems really quite important."

doen't half as much as Libel.

Crime

Yet despite their public display of rivalry, the two most famous courtroom names in the land are actually very good friends and spent much of the evening engrossed in conversation. The accusation by Richard Hardey QC that Carman had been both "cruel and cowardly" had clearly wounded. "I need all the friends I can get at the moment," Carman said.

 John Papworth, Anglican priest and environmentalist will argue in a lecture tonight that, far from

moving to County Hall, the London School of Economics should be shut down. Papworth believes that the events of recent days have made his central theme even more apposite: "Economists are quite unique in their failure to solve a single one of the problems of their profession". Where is he speaking? At the LSE, of course.

Bungee whiz

ALAN BEITH, who presents the third party's case on the ERM in today's Commons debate, has received an unlikely challenge. The Lib Dem spokesman has irritated the British Elastic Rope Sports Association by likening Norman Lamont's manoeuvrings over the pound to bungee jumping. David Boston, the association chairman, says: "Bungee jumping is considerably safer than playing around with the UK economy. With all expenses paid (they are presumably less than £125). Boston has invited Beith to discover for himself the joys of hurtling off the top of high buildings on the end of a piece of elastic rope. "It may even give him a further insight into the mysteries of international currency dealing."

• More from the now-it-can-betold department. As Neil Kinnock lost Labour the last election at that disastrously triumphalist rally in Sheffield, at least two members of the shadow cabinet forced to sit on stage at the time knew exactly what was going on. On Channel 4's Dispatches Special tomorrow night. John Prescott reveals for the first time the horror among Kinnocks colleagues as he repeatedly punched the air and yelled: "We're all right!". Says Prescott: "I was sitting next to Robin Cook and Neil was in the distance. Robin said: 'I don't think this is going to work' I said: 'It did in Nazi Germany' Robin said: 'Not for very long."

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EUROPE A LA CARTE

The European exchange-rate mechanism has lost its mystique. Foreign exchange dealers have realised that they can pick off a currency within the system just as easily as one outside. Yesterday it was the turn of the French franc. As long as the combined forces of the speculators are stronger than those of the central banks, a currency targeted for

attack is like a duck in a shooting gallery.

Despite the best efforts of the Germans, the mechanism may not be much longer for this world. The demise of the ERM should be welcomed - both for its own sake and as the harbinger of a new flexibility in the European Community.

If the ERM falls apart, either all currencies will float freely or, more likely, the Benelux countries with France and Germany will form their own Deutschmark zone. Yesterday, Karl Otto Pöhl, former president of the Bundesbank, called for just such an arrangement. Five out of the original six Common Market countries would thus lock themselves into a form of economic and monetary union, with the other seven more loosely linked around the periphery.

This variable geometry, or Europe of concentric circles, has long been derided by such as Edward Heath, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and other would-be European statesmen. But all their tired metaphors of trains onto which Britain must jump or faster speeds with which Britain must keep up are misleading. The appropriate metaphor is not of a two-speed Europe in which the slowcoaches lose the race, but of a multi-track Community in which different countries choose the direction that suits them best.

A currency union between the five countries could prove as painful as the ERM is now, unless Germany stops exporting the cost of reunification to its neighbours. Because Chancellor Kohl promised his voters that taxes would not have to rise again to pay for integrating East Germany, government borrowing has had to take the strain.

That has led to inflationary pressures which the Bundesbank is trying to stem by keeping interest rates high. In any system of fixed exchange rates, Germany's high interest rates have to be adopted by the other countries whose currencies are pegged to the mark. So unless Herr Kohl raises taxes, the French will suffer for many years to come.

Why then should Britain worry if it is left out of such an arrangement? Economically and politically it will feel far healthier than its neighbour across the Channel. Yet the Foreign Office, still smarting from the mistakes it made in the 1950s, is viscerally opposed to any group springing up on the Con-

tinent in which Britain does not play a part.
What does it fear? France and Germany will never become one political entity. Aspects of a common foreign policy are already becoming clear, they will continue where national interests coincide and fail where they do not. There is no danger of America ignoring Britain in favour of France and Germany. The experiment was tried briefly by Mr Bush and it failed: the Anglo-American ties of security interest, military reliability, language and culture are simply too great.

The Community would do well to learn the lessons of the single market. Initially, Brussels thought that free trade could take place only once all products were "harmonised". That caused uproar in member countries as traditional national habits seemed to be threatened. Eventually the Commission realised that homogenisation was unnecessary as long as each country was prepared to recognise the others' standards. The development of the EC should follow a similar path.

There is no need for every country to agree on every step. That leads to compromises with which no country can be completely happy. Far better to allow each member state to proceed as far as it wants to, whether it be over common defence or a common currency. All twelve will continue to be linked by the single market and the institutions of the Community. All the rest can and should be taken à la carte.

FLIGHT TO NOWHERE

The breaking of British Aerospace, announced with defeated fanfare on the eve of today's recall of parliament, is a dismal blow to economic confidence. Even as Norman Lamont is finally trying to stimulate demand to end the long recession, Britain's industrialists are still busy closing down factories.

Three thousand skilled jobs were yesterday's price for the recession that went on too long. During the past years of high exchange rates, high interest rates and low expectations of economic growth, taking risks became foolhardy for all but the very skilful and brave. Maximising immediate cash returns became the final objective of management instead of the necessary means to sustain expanding sales and nourish new

developments. Parsimony came late to British Aerospace. Had earlier managements paid more attention to costs. Britain's biggest engineer and exporter would not have had to provide for losses of more than £1 billion before interest and tax. Nor would it have had to import a retired chief executive from another company to impose a regime focused on "the bottom line". The consequences for the nation's productive potential are dire but now inevitable. Britain will lose the independent capability to make and develop civil airliners. BAe's space and communications business, which led the world in satellite technology, is likely to be sold to continental rivals. Rover, the rump of an independent car industry lost in the last cycle, is likely to follow in a couple of years time, possibly to Honda, already a minority shareholder.

The remaining profitable business defence and Airbus wings - is likely to become part of an enlarged GEC, which would at least be a powerful competitor in the world market for defence systems. That is small consolation on a depressing day. The story of British Aerospace is likely to be called in aid by Labour today. But it can

hardly be used to promote a change in government industrial policy towards intervention. There has been plenty of that already. Taxpayers will even be asked to fund part of the latest reorganisation. BAe is an entity that has been forcibly merged, nationalised and privatised. It has been defence supplier, consumer of grants and agent for state research and development spending. As one of the government's biggest commercial partners, it became the dumping ground for Royal Ordnance and Rover when successive trade secretaries were clearing out publicly owned industries at almost any price.

These acquisitions prepared the way for BAe's fall, although the commercial misjudgments were not rightly Whitehall's to make. The group was weering under capitalised. When it finally asked the City for £430 million of cash a year ago, the board was merely responding to an emergency and was discredited. That sum was also plainly inadequate, ensuring that the centrepiece of Britain's advanced engineering industry had to shrink to fit its capital base rather than raise capital to fulfil the commitments needed for long-term survival. Even now, BAe has chosen to shrink its capital further in order to continue paying dividends it cannot afford.

In recent years BAe has been led by three outsiders: two non-executives with large portfolios of directorships, and a retired executive. BAe's story exemplifies the failure of British industry to develop enough senior directors who can rise above simplified management texts to lead nationally important companies. How much better if Whitehall had used its influence as a customer to promote the company, its products and alliances, to build support for it in the financial community and to demand a better standard of managers whose only tool now is the axe.

WHEN POLICEMEN FAIL

The home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, wants better methods, for dealing with police officers who do not come up to scratch. As a last resort they should be sacked, he told the Superintendents' Association on Tuesday. The powers of chief police officers in such cases need to be increased, he said, though there was "understandable reluctance" to use such powers as already existed.

Mr Clarke was not talking about cases which would justify formal disciplinary procedures. He was referring only to managerial guidelines for dealing with poor performance. He has thus avoided the real cause for concern, the way disciplinary procedures consistently protect bad policing. Part of what is wrong is the burden of

proof. In employment law except for the police, employees can be disciplined or dismissed by an employer using the standards of proof required in the civil courts, what is called the "balance of probabilities". For a charge under the police disciplinary code to be upheld, however, the adjudicating senior officer has to be satisfied according to the standard of proof used in the criminal courts, "beyond reasonable doubt". That means no case can ever be proved when the outcome turns upon the word of a member

of the public against that of a police officer. When the substance of a disciplinary charge would be the same as a criminal one, and the Director of Public Prosecutions decides that no criminal charge should be -brought, disciplinary proceedings have to be dropped as well. That is what happened after the disbanding of the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad despite much evidence of police malpractice and a score of acquittals after trial or on appeal. The West Midlands scandal was a serious breakdown of policing, yet because of the way the disciplinary rules are framed there has still been no public reckoning.

Even where a good case exists and a complaint is backed by hard evidence, the "reluctance" to deal with bad policemen, which Mr Clarke too readily "understands", often results in their early retirement on the grounds of sickness. One of the reasons Alison Halford made herself so unpopular as an assistant chief constable of Merseyside was her opposition to the abuse of early retirement as an alternative to proper procedures. Once a police officer leaves the force, he or she can no longer be called to account for any disciplinary offence that may have been committed.

Though missing the main point, Mr Clarke is right to be critical of the police's tolerance of poor performance. Good personnel management requires policies for dealing with incompetence, including counselling, encouraging and possibly retraining the officers concerned. In hard cases severance may be necessary.

Where ill health is a genuine contributory factor, early retirement is a useful extra method for dealing with such misfits. But it should no longer be used as a way to avoid formal disciplinary proceedings. The required standard of proof in such proceedings should be lowered. The police should hold their jobs on the same terms as the rest of the employed population. And they should lose their jobs on the same terms too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Yours faithfully.

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From Professor Trevor C. Salmon

Sir. In all the debate about the nature

of Maastricht, what to do in the wake

of the Danish problem, and what to

do in the wake of last week's events,

have we forgotten the famous position

agreed amongst the Six in January

established a key distinction between

the de jure treaty position and

requirements and the de facto recog-

nition that it was not perceived to be

in the interests of the then member

states to follow the letter and spirit of

the Treaty of Rome provisions on the

movement from unanimity to quali-

fied majority voting. Thus they agreed

Where in the case of decisions which may be taken by a majority vote on a proposal of

the Commission very important interests of

one or more partners are at stake, the

Members of the Council will endeavour. within a reasonable time, to reach solutions which can be adopted by all the Members of the Council, while respecting their mutual interests and those of the Commu-

Unanimity, that is, was to be

Whilst this was deleterious for the

rapid advance and smooth running of

the Community, it did allow the Community to advance, and with one

famous exception in May 1982 (the

common agricultural policy budget) it

was observed for more than 20 years.

burgh Agreement", to avoid renegoti-

ation of Maastricht by agreeing to a

de facto political interpretation and

implementation of the de jure treaty

Jean Monnet Professor of European

Can we not now have an "Edin-

required when a state had major

interests at stake.

Yours faithfully.

Relations.

St Andrews, Fife.

TREVOR C. SALMON

University of St Andrews.

Department of International

Integration Studies),

The "Luxembourg Agreement"

made by an irresponsible Com-

Governments and, in particular,

the press should present Community

affairs in an objective manner not as

a competition between players trying

to outwit each other, but rather as a

joint effort to move forward together.

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The referendum question as Parliament is recalled

Yours sincerely, PEARSON of RANNOCH

European Communities),

From Mr Brian Crozier

House of Lords.

September 22.

When I put these points to min-isters, they say that they do not want to

hold a British referendum on Maas-

tricht because they are so confident

that the result would be supportive of

what we have signed. Je me demande.

(Member, Select Committee on the

Sir, Almost certainly the "knife-edge"

"oui" majority in France overstated

those in favour. State television gave

about four times more exposure to

their words than to those advocating a

"non" vote. Those against addressed

mass rallies of opponents of Maas-tricht, who made it clear that they

were not mildly but passionately

against. This is no basis for a firm

Mr Major sticks to his "no referen-

The issue of joining the European

common market was put to the people

in 1975, and they said "yes", de-claively. They should be given the chance, now, to say "no" to that convoluted and often self-contradic-

tory document, the Maastricht treaty.

dum" line; but until last Wednesday it

was still "no devaluation".

Yours faithfully,

September 21.

BRIAN CROŽIER,

303 The Linen Hall

162-168 Regent Street, W1.

From Mr Roland de Kergorlay

Sir, There is a belief - widely spread

and supported by the media - that the daily lives of Europeans are being

increasingly governed by irrespon-sible Brussels bureaucrats who are

supposedly submitted to no parlia-

mentary control. Yet all decisions are

in fact taken by the Council of

Ministers, composed of cabinet min-isters of the different member coun-

tries. They are responsible to their national parliaments; it is up to the

Governments have, however, found

it easier to present a decision which

could enhance their popularity in

their own country as due to their un-

faltering determination and imagi-

nation, insinuating that their partners

were at best passive and indifferent.

An unpopular decision is always

presented as being taken in Brussels, implying that after having fought

against it single-handedly their min-ister had been overwhelmed by his

partners who supported a proposal

latter to control the former.

From Dr Alan Sked

Sir, If the prime minister and his leading colleagues survive the collapse of their major policies after Parliament reassembles tomorrow, the parliamentary system which so many of us have been trying to preserve will

have suffered a perhaps mortal blow. Judged by their previous state-ments, Messrs Major, Hurd and Lamont ought by now to have surrendered their seals of office.

Secondly, we are without a credible opposition. John Smith, Paddy Ashdown et al emerge as irrelevant. Their fundamental agreement with the government prevents them from exercising this crucial parliamentary

role.

Thirdly, if the government and opposition parties are to combine with "Europe" against the people, then a fundamental realignment of British party politics around a federalist/ anti-federalist axis must soon prove unavoidable. The Anti-Federalist League, the only party at the last election to oppose Maastricht, will do everything possible to effect this.

Finally, however, the British press must play its part. Having followed the lead of the major parties in largely ignoring "Europe" as an issue at the last election, it must now start devoting more space to those of us whose doubts have, sadly, proved correct. A democracy in which all major news-papers merely echo a failed all-party political establishment, will not remain a democracy for long.

Yours faithfully, ALAN SKED (Chairman, The Anti-Federalist League). Flat 3, Aberdeen Court, 68 Aberdeen Park, N5. September 23.

From Lord Pearson of Rannoch

Sir, Most of us who oppose referenda do so because we trust our system of parliamentary democracy to take our national decisions, and to protect the sovereignty of the Queen in Parliament. However, that trust can no longer hold when the decision in question would undermine the very system upon which we otherwise rely. Our parliamentary democracy has already betrayed the sovereignty of

Parliament are now "subsidiary", whatever that may mean, to Brussels in many areas of our national life. It is dishonest to pretend that the recent general election gave our people a say about their future integration into Europe. No serious

From Professor Sir Graham Hills,

Sir, I was disappointed but not sur-

prised that the six eminent Liverpool

economists (letter, September 22)

were content to consider in their

recipe for greater success only second-

order factors. The prime cause of

Britain's financial difficulties is and

has been, seemingly for ever, its ina-

bility to metch imports with exports.

This has less to do with costs, money

and banking arrangements then with

producing high quality goods and

services that other peoples wish to buy.

The persistent balance of payments

deficit will therefore remain a cause of

major financial problems of one kind

or another until we have improved

by universities and by economists so

our industrial performance.

Yours faithfully

GRAHAM HILLS.

party opposed it.

the Queen in Parliament. She and

The Liverpool recipe and the path to fiscal competence concentrate on assisting industry and commerce to create a strong economy,

> Secondly, as . Sir Peter Smithers points out (letter, September 21), this crisis has demonstrated beyond all doubt that effective political control structures like the ERM.

> times of crisis - with the results we have just experienced. Yours truly.

As the Germans and Japanese have shown, this is not too difficult. It From Mr M. J. Gilbert simply requires that the overwhelming importance of technological proficiency be recognised by government,

that the best of brains may be attracted to it. All else is trivial, but will

Sunnyside of Threepwood, Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Ayrshire. September 22 From Squadron Leader F. W. Daley

Sir, Britain's ills are not at all economic. They are rather to be found in the sick and ailing hearts of every

man and woman in the country. Germany was at the back of the grid in 1945. Now England is there and falling backwards each day. "Work" is a four-letter word to the English; they need to undo their ideas

and re-fashion their attitude to it. Nobody here in Germany is much interested in buying British because the words are synonymous with late delivery, shoddy quality and no aftersales backup. Britain needs to become export-orientated and sell, avoiding the pitfalls of poor labour relations and low energy.

Yours etc. F. W. DALEY. Frauenstrasse 11, 8000 Munich 5, Germany.

From Sir Ian Morrow

Sir. The present crisis highlights, among many others, two long-standing errors which must be corrected.

It is not possible to have a strong currency and a weak economy. (It is possible to have a strong economy and a weak currency.) Yet ever since Nigel Lawson started to shadow the mark the government (supported by the Treasury) has fought to have a strong pound as a "symbol of national

potency". From now on let the government and let that be the measure of national virility. The currency can find its own level.

must be in place before the creation of That means the participating states ceding some effective political powers to the centre. If this is not done, the bureaucrats will play by the rules in

IAN MORROW. Broadacres, Seven Devils Lane,

Saffron Walden, Essex.

Sir, For the Liverpool Six to say "inflation is undoubtedly a monetary phenomenon" is true but misleading. The economy gives rise to a demand for money to meet trading and other needs. 11, for example, VAT increases from 15 per cent to 17.5 per cent, then a demand for money will arise to pay the increase, showing that inflation can also be a phenomenon of taxation.

If it be argued that the authorities need not allow the supply of money to rise accordingly, then businesses at the margin will go bankrupt and the economy will go into recession. Is this not one aspect of what has happened?

Messrs Tim Congdon and others do not say how the money supply would be reduced by the independent central bank if it overshot its targets. (Still less do they offer a meaning of price stability"). On past form they mean high interest rates, which is exactly what the government has given us for different reasons and we have low inflation. Now they recommend a reduction

in interest rates "to combat the severity of the recession". What if we get inflation without much recovery --'stagflation" as it used to be called? Do interest rates go straight back up again or do your correspondents have something else in mind? If these questions cannot be satisfactorily answered, there is a major intellectual hole in the monetarist argument.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GILBERT. 116 Wood Street, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

From Dr Simon Broadbent

Sir, In my professional life, which includes advising businesses on technical and budgetary matters, I constantly remind clients that they have multiple goals. Balance is key.

The larger and more hierarchical the firm. he greater the tendency to lay down unique objectives. Examples are over-caution or over-expansion,

and the short term vs the long haul. The Treasury and government, Great Britain Ltd and the voters, together form an extremely complex organisation. The temptations to oversimplification are great, and our masters have fallen correspondingly heavily. The sole targets of low inflation and static ERM rates are

only the latest examples. When will the authorities admit that they are defending the whole front? This includes wealth production, employment and a civilised society. They should never rush all their forces to counter isolated breakthroughs and let in the enemy

Yours faithfully, SIMON BROADBENT, 133 Finchley Road, NW3.

From Mr Clive M. Hindle

Sir, Now that government has admitted that its policy of raising interest rates to the high point of the recession was wrong and has retrenched, can we have a head count for survivors? In our anti-insolvency practice we awoke last Wednesday to find that the number of our clients had swelled enormously. Many lending banks caught the infection of panic emanating from Whitehall and promptly put some of their customers into receivership. The problems arise from the fact

that they failed to withdraw the receivership on Thursday. There is some judicial authority for the fact that victims of maladministration by governmental or quasi-goveromental departments are not entitled to the same level of damages as are the victims of a breach of duty by a responsible private company or individual.

Are we therefore to assume that it is now received wisdom that the government is an incompetent organisation which carries no responsibility to ordinary citizens for its actions? If not, what about compensation for the summarily dispossessed?

Yours faithfully CLIVE M. HINDLE. Hindle Campbell (Solicitors), 8 Northumberland Square, North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

From Mr R. C. Green

Sir, If French interest rates had gone up 2.5 per cent this time last week, I wonder what then would have been the outcome of the referendum?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD GREEN, The Whittern Farms Ltd. Lyonshall, Kington, Herefordshire. September 23.

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'Trial by TV' for 'Sunday Sport'

From the Publisher of Sunday Sport

Sir. At a time when the Calcutt enquiry into the press is about to commence its final deliberations it might be valuable to look at the ineffectiveness of the supposedly stricter regulation of another section of the media - television.

I was featured in a World in Action programme on Monday evening (review, Life & Times, September 20) which made no serious attempt to present a balanced view. Despite the fact that I had offered to participate. provided that my contribution was transmitted live or that I was able to prevent my remarks being edited so as to change their meaning, the pro-gramme stated that I had "declined to take part".

The programme attempted to conduct a trial by television. There were several misleading facts. A letter from my office to managers of sex shops was quoted, with no mention that it was about 12 years old; no indication was given that the suicide of my friend, Mary Millington, took place 13 years ago: dated film clips (up to 15 years) were used, with no reference at all to their age.

One mistake was so elementary that it might seem to have been deliberate: the box office receipt for a film, Come Play With Me, was quoted as the profit! The actual profit was less than 10 per cent of the figure quoted.

If the television rules permit the transmission of details of offences covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Acts, and no proper right of reply, one wonders how effective rules for the press can be introduced.

Yours sincerely, DAVID SULLIVAN. Publisher. Sunday Sport, Marten House. 39/47 East Road, N1,

The Church's future From the General Secretary of the General Synod of the Church of England

Sir, May I reinforce some of the details in your report of September 22, "Church curb on public at key

dehate". In view of the pressure on space in the synod chamber when the final debate on the draft woman priests legislation takes place, the proceedings will be relayed to another hall in Church House, as the report says and there will be live broadcasts. This is

hardly consistent with Monica Furlong's charge that the Church wishes to conduct the debate "under wraps". Forty of the 102 seats available in the public gallery have been allocated to the public, and ten seats for

epresentatives of the government. other denominations etc. The remaining 52 are for the press. If all the gallery seats had been available to the public, I believe we

still could not have accommodated all who wish to be present. Yours faithfully,

PHILIP MAWER, General Secretary. The General Synod of the Church of England. Church House, Great Smith Street, SW1. September 22.

From Mr Michael Windridge

Sir, I have just started my final year's theological training as a stipendiary student in the hope of becoming. if ordained, a Church of England clergyman. One of the reasons which led me to offer myself for ordination included a belief that there was a critical shortage of parish clergy.

I have recently written to the dioceses of St Albans, Canterbury. Chichester, Guildford, Oxford, Rochester, Winchester, Salisbury and Southwark, asking if I could obtain a first curacy in a parish next summer to enable me to begin my professional church ministry. The replies so far indicate there are no suitable vacancies. I believe the reason is a shortage of funding rather than too many dergy.

I wonder whether, as a prospective unemployed Anglican ordinand l might be entitled to seek commercial or voluntary sponsorship. This might offend traditionalists, but a hardpressed parish priest could be glad of an extra free and willing hand.

Yours sincerely MICHAEL WINDRIDGE, Salisbury and Wells Theological College. 40 Harcourt Terrace, Salisbury, Wiltshire. September 21.

A bridge too rusty?

From Mrs C. M. Parker Sir. In Life & Times (September 21) you say the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco is "rusty red and not golden brown". Why should it be? It is the stretch of water that the bridge crosses which is the Golden Gate.

Yours faithfully, C. M. PARKER, 17 Heathwood Road Talbot Park, Bournemouth, Dorset.

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BALMORAL CASTLE September 23: By command of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt. (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten-ant for Oxfordshire) was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this morning upon the departure of The King of the Hashemite King-dom of Jordan and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her

Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long. Lord-in-Waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this afternoon upon the departure of the Governor-Gen-eral of Papua New Guinea and Lady Korowi and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today gave a Lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Faber.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 23: The Princess Royal this morning visited Avon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John

Wills, Br. Her Royal Highness, Visitor, Dorothy House Foundation, vis-ted Dorothy House Foundation Macmillan Service, 164 Bloomfield Road, Bath.

The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, afterwards visited the Royal National Institute for Deaf people at Poolemend, Bath, and opened the

new Recreation Area.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Wiltshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

The Princess Royal President, Riding for the Disabled Association, visited the Lackham College Group at Lackham Agricultural College, Lacock, and opened the Joint Equestrian Centre.

Her Royal Highness, President, the Rural Housing Trust, after-wards opened the Rural Housing Scheme at Rushall. Mrs William Nunneley was in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 23: The Princess of Wales today visited Cleveland and

was received by Major David Walford (Deputy Lieutenant of Cleveland). Her Royal Highness opened the Cleveland Alzheimer's Residential Centre at Kirkdale, Raddiffe Cres-

cent. Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees. Subsequently, The Princess of Wales opened the Princess of Wales Bridge, Stockton-on-Tees. Afterwards Her Royal Highness visited the Department of Radiotherapy and Oncology at South Cleveland Hospital, Middles-brough, Finally the Princess of Wales opened the new premises of the Green Tyre Company at Riverside Park, Middlesbrough, Captain Edward Musto, RM, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE September 23: The Princes Mar-

garet, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regi-ment) today visited the 1st Battallon at Oakington Barracks,

Cambridge. Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crow

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were

KENSINGTON PALACE September 23: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Suffolk and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir

Joshua Rowley, Bt). In the morning His Royal Highness visited the site of the former King Edward VI Gram-mar School, St Michael's Close,

Northgate Street, Bury St Edmunds Alterwards The Duke of Cloucester opened the Unitarian Meeting House Churchgate Street and later visited St

Edmundsbury Cathedral In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Long Shop Museum, Leiston and afterwards opened the Leiston Swimming

Pool, Leiston.
In the evening The Duke of Gloucester attended a Concert in aid of the Music Therapy Charity at St. James's Palace, London SW1. Major Nicholas Barne was in

attendance. The Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary Liveryman, the Worshiphil Company of Basketmakers, was present this evening at the Annual Banquet at Guildhali.

London EC2. Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE September 23: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Gala Performance of She Stoops to Conquer at Chichester Festival Theatre to celebrate its 30th Anniversary Year and in aid of the United Kingdon Branch of Inter-national Social Services.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Major-General Sir Philip Ward (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex). The Lady Mary Mumford was

Latest wills

Mr Bailey Foesett, of Milton Malsor, Northants, the animal trainer and a former director of "Sir" Robert Fossett's Circus, left estate valued at £1.696.769 pet. Mr Bruce Hereward Wake, of Ayston, Leics, left estate valued at £4.895.426 net.

He left: £25,000 to the Motor Neurone Disease Association; E5.000 each to the NSPCC and the Salvation Army; £2,000 to the Parents National Educational Union School, Uppingham; £500 to Ayston Church and the remainder mostly to relatives.

Mrs Christine Jeanette Harriman, of Worsall, North Yorks, left estate valued at £5,166,747 net. Mr Maurice Albert Wolff, of

Marylebone, London, company director, left estate valued at £2,578,521 net.

Other estates include (net, before

tax paid): Mr Ronald Walter Archer, Mr Fred Barber, of Gomersal, West Yorks Mr Harry Grosberg, of Whitefield, Manchester, £1,368,638 Elsie Victoria Hughes, of Chichester, West Susser, £531,884 Mr Patrick Maurice Lane, of Stanton by Bridge, Derbyshire 578,875

Mr John Morrice, of Prestatyn. Clwyd... Trimpley, Words



Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as President of the Royal Marsden Hospital, will amend the film premiere of Just Like A Woman at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 8.00. The Duke of York, as Admiral of the Sea Cader Corps, will attend a reception onboard HMS Belfast at

The Princess Royal will re-open Snow Hill Centre for SHAPE Housing Association, 86 Old Snow Hill Birmingham, at 10.10: as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Associ-Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will open the group hornes at 428-430 Gillot Road, Edgbaston, at 11.00; and at 104 Dawlish Road, Selly Oak, at 11.35. She will visit Philip Harris Medical, Hazelwell Lane, Stirchley, at 12.10 to mark its 175th anniversary; and will open Birmingham Business Park, Solihuil, at 1.25.

Princess Margaret. as Honorary Air Commodore, will visit RAF Coningsby at noon. The Duke of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Gloucestershire Regiment, will receive the Freedom of Northavon on behalf of the regiment at Thornbury at 11.15.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford, writer, London, 1717: Georges Claude, engineer, Paris, 1870; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert, writer and politician, Elstead, Surrey, 1890; F. Scott Fitzgerald, novelist, St Paul, Minnesota, 1896: Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist, creator of penicillin therapy, Nobel laure-ate 1945, Adelaide, 1898; Sir William Dobell, painter,

Newcastle, NSW, 1899. DEATHS: Paracelsus, physician, Salzburg. 1541: Niels Finsen, physician. Copenhagen. 1904; Melanie Klein, psychoanalyst. London, 1960.

Flag for sale

The checkered fing which con-firmed Nigel Mansell as world motor racing champion at the Hungarian Grand Prix is to be auctioned in aid of the Great Ormand Street Children's Haspital fund in London next month.

Birthdays today

Miss Svetlana Beriozova, ballerina. 60: Mr Tony Brook, manag-ing director, TVS. 56; Sir Mervyn Brown, diplomat, 69; Professor T.E. Burlin, rector, Westminster University, 61: Sir Seymour Egerton, former chairman, Couns and Company, 77.

Mr Brian Glanville, author, 61: Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Grose, 55: Professor Richard Hoggart, for-mer warden, Goldsmith's College. 74: Mrs Catherine Hughes, principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 59; Sir Robin Kinahan, former Lord Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast, 76; Sir David Lane, former MP, 70; Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, 76; Professor G.P. McNicol, former vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 63. Professor Bernard Nevill, designer, 58: Mr Anthony Newley, actor and singer, 61: Professor Sir Owen Saunders, former vice-chancettor, London University, 88: Mr

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Mr Richard Dunn Chief executive. Thumes Televisioni, Miss B Lott (Actors' Benevolent Fund), Mr George Gee and Mr E Gansler British Music Hall Society), Mr J J Smith (British Film Institute) and Mrs Smith, Mr Patrick Newley (Stage and TV Today) and Mr Stanley Amis and Miss Margaret Wolfit (vice-Chairman, Royal Theatrical Fund).

Mrs Kate Wharton A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Kate Wharton was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Miss Rowena Webb read an article by Kate Wharton, Miss Jane Whar-

Memorial services

prayer and Mr Nick Fogg gave an address. Mr Philip Fowke, piano, played Raindrops Keep Falling on

my Head by Burt Bacharach.

Memorial meeting

Among others present were:

son, daughter, read from Tenny-son's Morte D'Arthur and Mr Stewart Steven, Editor of the Evening Standard, read the les-son. Mrs Barbara Jones read a Mr Benny Hill A service of thanksgiving to cele-brate the life and work of Mr Benny Hill was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev John Pridmore officiat Edward Woodward read the les-son and Mr Henry McGee, Miss Patricia Hayes, Mr Dave Freeman and Mr Dennis Kirkland paid tribute, Mr Richard Stone, Richard Some Partnership, read a leners from Mr Eugene Chaplin and Mr Jack Lemmon. Mr An-

Mr Chrismpher Wharmn (son), Miss Victoria Wharton (daughter), Mr and Mrs Michael Wharton, Mr Colin Maria Machae Whatton, Mr Colin Weich.

Mr Iliyd Harrington, Mr Alan Weicha, Mrs Stewart Steven, Mrs Mr Paul Cox, Mr Brenda Philimore, Mr Paul Cox, Mr Russell Forghan (managing editor, The Motif on Sunday also representing the editor), Mr Bitt Frost (The Times), Mr F. L. Oldham and Mr Tony Marshall (The Daily Telegraph), Mr Robert Porier and Mr Stuart Reid (The Sunday Telegraph) and Mr Gordon Greig (political editor, Daily Maih. thony Burgess gave an address.

Mr Max Bygraves, accompanied by the Ladybirds, sang his men by the Ladyoutus, sang his own song Benny, Miss Louise English sang La Vie En Rose, accompanied by the Choir of St Martin-in-the Fields, the choir performed Gymnopedie by Eric Sane and Mr Peter Hughes played Yakety San. Among others present

प्रसाद: belss Caroline Hill, Miss Sara-Underwood, Miss Victoria Under-wood, Mr A C Russell, Mr and Mrs W G Jacques and other members of the Family.

Professor Friedrich Hayek A memorial meeting for the life of Professor Friedrich Hayek was held on September 23 in the Founder's Room at the London School of Economics. Addresses by Mr Arthur Seldon, Sir Karl Popper, Dr Shirley Letwin, Professors Ralph Turvey, Eric Streissler and Terence Hutchison and a violin recital by Miss Catherine Hayek, granddaughter, were given to a distinguished audience including members of the Hayek family. Royal College of Radiologists

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists held yesterday at the University of Southampton, the following Officers were elected:

cers were elected:
President. Dr. C. H. Paine (Cxford):
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Marriages Mr M.J. Wake-Walker and Miss C.P. Hazlitt The marriage took place yesterday in the Guards Chapel. Wellington Barracks, of Mr Michael Wake-Walker, younges son of Captain C.B.H. and Lady Anne Wake-Walker, of East Bergholt Lodge. Suffolk to Miss Catherine Hazint. eldest daughter of Mr and Mr B.R. Hazlitt, of Billingshurst, Sus-

sex. The Rev J.M. Barrie officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Kate Wake-Walker, Rose Wake-Walker and Georgina Macfarlane. Mr Philip Dauberry

was best man. A reception was held at Spencer House. Mr J.L. Jackson and Miss C.A. Parsons

The marriage took place on Fri-day, September 18, at Borthwick Castle, near Gorebridge, Midlo-thian, between Mr Joseph Jackson, son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Jackson, and Miss Catrina Par-sons, daughter of Mr Ronald Parsons and the late Mrs Parsons.

The Rev John McPake officiated.
The bride was attended by Roberta Parsons and Amanda Jane Duckworth. Miss Jacqueline Hendley was best woman. Mr Richard Jackson and Mr Robert Jackson were ushers. A reception was held at Borthwick Castle.

Mr RJ, Rees end Miss E. Burns Carr The marriage took place on Sau-urday, September 19, at the Church of St Winifred, Brans-Church of St Winifred, Brans-combe, Devon, of Mr Robert James Rees, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Rees, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex and Bahrain, Arabian Gulf, and Miss

Elizabeth Burns Carr, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Kirkham, of Beer, Devon. The Rev Nigel Freathy officiated.

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Kate Thompson. Mr John Rees was best man. The reception was held at the Victoria Hotel, Sidmouth, and the honomoon will be spent in the

Lord Devlin

There will be a Memorial Mass for Lord Devlin at 6pm on Tuesday. October 27, at St James's, Spanish Place London W1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Birch and Miss S.L. Carr

The engagement is announced between Alexander, second son of Mr and Mrs John Birch, of Ashley Gardens, Westminster, London, and Suc. only daughter of Mrs Charles Harvey, of Walton on the Hill, Surrey, and Mr Richard Carr. of Rochester Square, Camden, London.

Mr L.J. Casselfs and Miss S.J. Smallwood The engagement is announced between Sarah, daughter of Mr. Gerry Smallwood, of Los Angeles, USA, and Mrs Tessa Smallwood. of Purney, London, and Logic, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.K.

Cassells, of St Andrews, Scotland. Captain J.A.E. Clinch and Miss S.J. Crichton-Brown The engagement is announced between Captain James Anthony Evan Clinch, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires, younger son of Mr and Mr Michael Clinch, of Stanford, Kent, and Samantha Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Crichton-

SHOWEL OF Pensiake, SUITEV. Mr E.G.J. Curicy and Miss J.M. Crosland The engagement is announced between Eugene, only son of Mr.J. Curicy, of Redhill, Surrey and the

late Mrs Curley, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Crosland, of Petis Wood, Kent.

Dr S. Guickard and Miss R. Lawler The marriage has been arranged and will take place shortly between Dr Stephane Guichard, only son of the late M Robert Guichard and of Mme Emilia Friedman-Guichard, of Paris, France, and

Erin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E.L. Lewlor, of Stanford Rivers, Esses. Mr P. Hammett

and Minr S. Den The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hammett, of Surrey, and Suzie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Best, of West Clandon, Surrey.

Dr R.M. Heppell and Dr A.J. Firth The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Heppell, of Fulmeck,
"Yorkshire, and Alison, daughter of
Mr L.M. Firth, of Heathfield,
Sussex and of the late Mrs Pearl

Firth. Mr W.R.S. Hunter and Nobil Signoriza N.K.A. Biscarctii di Ruffa The engagement is announced between William, son of Capmin

and Mrs A.S. Hunter, of The Coach House, Morebanie, Kelso. Romburghshire, and Nadine, daughter of The Come and Contessa Biscaretti di Ruffia, of

Mr P. Marchington

and Miss A. Mathies The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs. David Marchington, of Singapore, and Anna, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs John Muthias, of Hong Kong.

Mr R.K.B. Purvis

and Miss H. Swallow The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Purvis, of Gilmenton St Andrews, Fife, and Heidi, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Swallow, of Mothram St Andrew, Cheshire.

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ADAMS - On September 17th at Ouers Charlotts's Hospital, to Nicola and Roger, & daughter, Camilla Mary Cameron, a sister for Dustries. ALDIS - On September 23rd 1992 at Queen Mary's Hospital Store at 13 Sont weighing 5ths 1200. to Marjon and Robert, a daughter, Grace Vetoria, Thank you Marjon love Robert.

at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Robert and Collect, a daughter, Sophie Otane Frances, a sister for conversale cross - On September 18th, to Camilla, wife of James Comybeare-Cross, a son, Frederick John.

BRAND - On September 21st,

Cross, a son. Frederick John.
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to Camilla inée Hardy) and
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20th, to Nina and Nick. a
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a brother to Harry

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FORREST - On September
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daughter. Jesska Jane, a
state for Hannah. MOLLOY - On September 18th 1992, at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsed Hospital, to Maria Dolores

daughter, Empo Rose, a sister for Alexander. MONK - On September 16th. to Ann (nee Willis) and William, a son, Frederick Christopher Peter. MORRIS - On September 18th, to Hazel ince Dysoni and Kelth, a son. Douglas John, a brother for Robert and Phillipps. SCHIEDER - Dr S 19th 1992 to Rachael rine Ross) and Robin, a son Thomas Henry. SKINNER - On September 22nd, to Sarah and Denzil, a son. Thomas, a brother for Venetia.

STEELE - On September 21st to Nicky and Lawson, a son Dominic Lawson. STEWART - On September 20th, to Kate tree Holme) and William, a son, Anthony Lauder MARRIAGES

de BRANTHO - On 30th May, in London, betwee Peler de Brani and Diana Ho Siok Min. DEATHS

ARCHIMALO - On September 18th 1992. In Lancaster, New Hampshire, U.S.A. aped 86. Catherine, widow of George, Baron Archbaild. Born In Helensburgh, Scotland, the youngest and last surviving child of Andrew Bonar Law, one time Prime Minister. For many years a geriatric, psychiatric social worker at The Maudsley Hospital. Survived by her daughter, Ann Catherine Menuinger, of Franconia, New Hampshire; her son, Duvid Galbrath Colwell, of Los Angeles, California; her stepson, Cartstopher Archibald, of Cumbris; and by 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. The tumeral has taken place in the U.S.A., but a Memorial Service will be arranged at a later date in London.

ARMSTRONG Annes Hore (n. September 21st, peacefully at home. Tupgill, Coverdale. Leyburn. Dork, aged 94 years. Beloved slater of the late Gerald and Sam. Funeral late Gerald and Sam. Funeral Service and Interment at Holy Trinity Church. Coverham. Coverdate. on Schurtz Sessander Soft at I pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Coverham Group of Churches iglate in church). Friends please meet at the church of the coverham of the coverham.

EGWDEN-SMITH -

September 23rd 1992.
peacefully in hospitol in Edinburgh, Ellinor Catherine, beloved wife of the late Raiph, mother of Elisabeth and Philip and loving grandmother. Service in Marchmont St Glies Parish Church, Kligraston Road, Edinburgh, at 11 am on Saturday September 26th. Thereafter cremation CAMERON - On September 16th 1992, Mariorle, wife of the late Guy Cameron, mother of Anne and the late Jean, grandmother of Jenny Jean, grandmother of Jenny and Jane and great grandmother of Henricita. Nicholass. Anionia. Hugo. Genma and Alexander. Crentation has taken stace.

DIXEY - On September 22nd, 1992. Helen, widow of Dermot and much loved mother of Susan and Caroline, grandmother of Victoria and Josephine. James and Bridger. Funeral Service at Circhtester Parish Church. September 29th at 12.15 pm. No flowers. Donations to the Church.

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DRUMMOND

Wednesday September 23rd.

David Drummond. betoved husband of Helen, father of Philippa and Sarah, grandfather of Alexander, Laura and Henry, peacefully at home, fortified by the rites of the Hoty Church, Requiem Mass at 12.15 on Tuesday September 29th at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, Sw3 Cremation private, Family flowers outy.

THUNTON - On September 17th, at home, John, husband of Rosemary and laber of Couries and Mark. The funeral has already taken place. No Memorial Service at his request. Decembers if demred to the history because of the couries of the courie Injured Jockeys' Fund or Macmillan Nurses

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NEWLETT - On Senumber 22bd 1992, peacefully after a short lifness at Puttenham. Hill House Nursing Home. Janet aged 97 years. Last of twelve brothers and sisters from Standish. Lancashire and Munstead, Surrey. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at Cuildford Crematorium on Monday Explaned 2801 at 1pm. All enquiries to J. Corringe and Son Funeral Directors. 65 Hare Lane. Codalming. Surrey. tel. cod331 416403.

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LANE - On September 22nd
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Wicklows, Victor M.Ch.
F.R.C.S.I. (Surgeon Meath
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at home in the toving care of
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Michael, Floria. Cetta. Tom
and David and son-in-law
Tony, deepty regretted by his
jamily, relatives and friends.
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LAJRENT - On September 22nd 1992. Eugene "Unther" beacefully at home. Adorred husband of the law Paddy (née Monkt, faither of Susan and Rossmary, grandfather of Alexander, Funeral to be held at St. Marylebone Crematorium on Monday September 28th at 2 pm. Family Bowers unit; Donations, if desired, to Northwick Park Hospital Childrens Appeal, Any enquiries to A. W. Luck and Sons, let; 081) 883-2429.

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LLOYD-JONES On September 22nd 1992 peace-fully after a tremendously brave hight apalinst cancer, Esther Mary apped 72, or Deganwy. Gwynedd and formerly organising secretary. Scotland Royal Deganwy, Gwynedd and orgeniolog secretary. Scotland Royal Notional Lifeboot Institution, Edinburgh, Funeral Service at St Hillary's Purish Church. Lianrhos, at 11.15 am on Monday September 28th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Domations to Cardeners Royal Benevolent Fund. Enquiries and donations to T. Concher & Sons. A Woodland Road West. Colwyn Bay. tch. 104927 SSZ206.

SPURS - On September 16th 1992, after a short liberia borne with great cotarnye. George Edmondson, formerly of India, aged 95 years. Sadiy palson by family and many friends. Thurstspiring Service for the love and life of George at St. Richard's Church: Upper Station Road, Headwield, on Saturday November 7th at 2.30 pm, Donations if desired to Arthritis and Remarkited Finneral Service. Habitation Road, Headthfield, 5th, 5th 194351 \$62648. LYTHGOE - On September.

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daughter of Valerie and the late Keith Perbort, match tower dater to Metande and umit in lura: Funeral at East Strattan Parish Church du Treeday September 29th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Countees of Brechooch Hospice c/o inc. Steel 4 Son. Chesti House. Winchester.

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STEAD - On September 21st 1992, Francis Clement, aged 89 years, Edant son of the lake Dr. and Nirs Stead of Hawkiturst. Kent. and betoved husband of Sally. Puneral, St. Laurence Church, Hawkiturst. October thereafter private. Family flowers only.

**RULHALL - On September 20th. suddenly in Stockbridge. Harymphre. Edgar Machen. aged 76 years of Nessus. Bahannes. Much fowed husband of Dorothy. He will be sadly nissed by his family and many friends. Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday September 28th at 12 1000. Family flowers andy. donations if desired to Cancer Relief (o Jno. Steel & Son. Chesti House. Windvester SO25 8HU. A Memorial Service will be held later in Nassau.

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TRILEAVEN - On Separation 23rd. aged 84. The Royal Robert Samuel, peacefully at home with this family after a courageous flight. Much loved Jamband and father-Puneral Service at St Mary's Church. Church Hill. Caterham, on Wednesday Sprember 30th at 12.30 pm. Family Bowers only. Denations please to Canoer Research Campaign. Medical Donathoen piesne in Carrier Research Campbign, Medica Oncology at Charing Cross Hospital c/o W.A. Truelove & Son. 187 Crosydon Road. Caterham CR3 6PH.

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Memorial and Thanksgiving for the life of the Rev Prof. F.C. "Tim" Healey, who died on 22nd Jely 1992, will be held on Saturday 17th October 1992 at St Columba's United Reformed Church, Downing Place, Cambridge, at 3 pm. OTHERMEDS - The Viscountes Rothermere. Particle A Mesocial Service will be held at SI Bride's. Fleet Street, on Thursday October 1st at 12 noon.

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David Charles Lopes Bathurst, auctioneer and art dealer, and former chairman of Christie's, died from a heart attack on September 19 aged 54. He was born on December 15, 1937.

DAVID Bathurst was one of the brightest young stars at Christie's for more than 20 years and seemed poised to shake off the firm's stodgy image when he took over as chairman in January 1985. Witty, amusing and gifted with a sharp business brain, his effervescent touch suited the optimism of the times. He seemed set for great things but his career at the auction house was blighted by what became known in the art world as "The Cristallina Affair, in which he falsely announced the sale of two French Impressionist pictures at a New York

He became caught up in a tortuous court case in which an art investment group called Cristallina SA sued Christie's and Bathurst for alleged negligence, breach of contract and fraud. The action was later settled out-of-court but the New York Department of Consumer Affairs fined the firm \$80,000.

Bathurst voluntarily surrendered his licence to sell in the city and, after the firm made an out of court agreement for the payment of an undisclosed sum to the group, he resigned in 1987.

He went on to set up a dealing group and never displayed any bitterness over the effect of the Cristallina affair, tackling his new career with drive and enthusiasm.

Bathurst, the second son of the second Viscount Bledisloe, was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford. He did National Service with the 12th Royal Lancers and studied at the Carnegie Institute, part of the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh.

His introduction to the art world came through his time at the New London Gallery, part of Marlborough Fine Art, and he joined Christie's to start its Impressionist

Ralph Cecil Vickers, MC,

for many years chairman

of the stockbrokers

Vickers, da Costa, died on

September 10 aged 78.

He was born in London

on November 14, 1913.

RALPH Vickers was a stock-

broker of a now past breed.

whose business was conducted

on the basis of mutual trust.

He lived through an era of

change and, by his retirement

in 1981, to his sadness, the old

values of the city were fast

going.
In his business life he made

early 1960s to investigate the

investment potential of Japan.

He first went there in 1962,

DAVID BATHURST



1963. He became a director at the age of only 29 in 1966. Early success led to him being posted to New York with young colleagues in 1978, only a year after Christie's had set up in the United States.

French Impressionist pictures then, as now, symbolised money and prestige, and competition for blue chip collections among the auction houses was intense. Business and social life became one. The breakthrough for Bathurst came in 1980.

Mrs Henry Ford II who had an astonishing Impressionist collection. The weekend was a great social success. There was no suggestion of a sale but when Ford later decided to dispose of ten paintings they went straight to Christie's. News of the sale was a sensation and the pictures were estimated to make \$10 million. But in an electric 30 minutes they reached \$18.30 million. It was a landmark for its time and noted back

Bathurst's team worked hard but also knew how to play. Office parties were famous. He also had the ability to inspire great loyalty and, in his five years in New York, the saleroom he started virtually from scratch briefly outperformed Christie's in London.

Bathurse's career culminated in his appointment as chairman of Christie Manson & Woods in succession to Jo Floyd in 1984. He embarked on a series of one-to-one conversations with all the directors on future strategy. Bathurst was trying to

JOHN GORDON

John Gordon was born in

Aberdeen and educated at

Edinburgh Academy from

where he joined the Bank of

Scotland as a trainee and

worked for several years in the

He went further south to

London, then in 1930 moved to the National Bank of India.

His new employers dispatched

him to Nairobi five years later.

On the outbreak of war he

signed up for the King's

African Rifles and served with

them in Ethiopia and in

Burma before returning to

East Africa on demobilisation

in 1946. It was then that he

met his wife, Mary, who had

border country.

develop a management structure for the Eighties.

Changes were beginning to take place when the Cristallina affair, which dated from his days in New York in 1981, became public in 1985. More than £14 million was wiped off the market value of Christie's International after Bathurst admitted issuing false information on the sale of two paintings. Cristallina, a Panamanian registered company, had asked Christie's to sell eight paintings. Only a Degas sold but, as Bathust later admitted to a court. Christie's lied by announcing to the press that another two, a Gaugin and a Van Gogh, had also been sold for £2.5 million. This, he later explained, was to prevent disruption in the art market, though many said it was to protect his own firm's reputation. He resigned as chairman of the English board, as he

had by then become. After his departure from Christie's with two colleagues Bathurst started the St James's Art Group, a dealing partnership in Jermyn Street.

Friends felt the Cristallina affair overshadowed his career, to the point where it obscured his real achievements at Christie's, and that it was for these that he should be remembered rather than for a momentary lapse. Bathurst remained successful and had recently been invited by the Chinese government to hold the first official selling exhibition of Chinese contemporary art in London. This exhibition was due to have been held in November but with his death has now been cancelled.

He enjoyed cricket and while still a schoolboy continued the family tradition of bobsleighing on the Cresta Run. His broad interests included opera and the poems of Dylan Thomas. He loved Scotland especially and spent a great deal of time at his house at Biggar in Lanarkshire. It was there, surrounded by friends, that he had a sudden heart attack while out shooting grouse on the hill. Bathurst married Cornelia

McCosh in 1967. They had three

was promoted general manager for Africa and returned to

In the early 1960s the National Bank of India had merged with Grindlays Bank to become, for a while, Nat-ional and Grindlays — before the "National" was dropped in the interests of simplicity. John Gordon meanwhile became group managing direc-tor in 1969, retiring five years later aged 65. He retained his seat on the board, however, until 1979, along with his directorship of the trading

bank's East African branches

and remained there until he

group Steel Holdings. In 1974 he was also invited to join the board of the Crown Agents who were then struggling to repair the damage wrought by five disastrous years of property investment which had lost them more than £180 million. Gordon, whose knowledge and experience of the developing world made him a valuable asset, stayed there for three years.

His reputation in the banking world was that of a sound Scottish businessman, totally reliable, well liked and incorruptible. In his younger days he had been a natural athlete with a good eye for the ball, whatever the game. Watching sport in later years gave him great oleasure.

Although he settled in retirement in southern England he never lost his deep affection for Africa and its people and, before retiring, took the opportunity to tour the bank's burgeoning interests throughout the continent.

and by their two sons and a

He is survived by his wife

for headstone THE German government is to pay for a memorial stone to be erected at the unmarked grave of Elisabeth Hertz which was recently discovered in St Andrews churchyard, Girton, Cambridge (John

She was the widow of Heinrich Hertz, the German

Hertz died in 1894 but his widow fled to Britain in 1937. She feared persecution from the Nazis and was buried in the churchyard when she died in Cambridge in 1941. There

vice at Girton on October 7. Stanley Briggs, the church warden who is also an electrical engineer, came across her name in old registers and with Kenneth Knell, a retired librarian from the university

searched her past. stone is finally going to be put up to the wife of a remarkable scientist whose work ranked

APPRECIATIONS

Wg Cdr Roger Maw

I HAVE just returned from a spell of reaching in a Moscow school to hear that "Wings Maw" has died and to read your obituary of September S. I was one of the vaulters over the famous horse and I also knew "Wings" well, since he was the officer commanding our Block 64.

I helped him once when he made a hidey-hole in the wooden wall of the central corridor in our block. My contribution was only to hold the fat lamp and the spare tools and to be ready to disappear with them if stooges warned us of the approach of guards. I was amazed at his speed of working, combined with extreme accuracy, so that, when the job was completed, I. who knew it was there, could barely detect it.

He made two lovely gifts for his son and for his daughter. The former's was a model yacht, clinker built, the narrow timbers being meticulously cut from the mahogany of a cigar box received by some fellow "kriegie" with connections in Havana. His daughter's was a grandmother clock. All the gears were cut out of timber, the escapement was regulated by a pendulum and a housebrick served as the

Having got the clock workng. "Wings" gave it various tasks to preform, in the summer months he slept with his windows wide open and further ventilation was provided by sawing through two floorcoards so that they could be raised. But around 3am the temperature fell outside. Not in "Wings's" room, however, for he persuaded the clock to



trigger a complicated mechanism of strings, pulleys and weights to close the windows. lower the floorboards and keep him snug in bed.

I had an enormous respect for Roger Maw, Your obinuary, despite some inaccuracies (i.e. we had no "camp carpen-ter"; there were POWs in a theatre workshop, with tools supplied on "parole d'honneur", who rightly refused to touch the construction of the wooden horse) will be attached to my copy of The Wooden

Someone else ought to write about his participation in a daylight raid on the Schurnhorst and Gneisenau in dock at Brest, for which he was awarded the DFC. He claimed to have looped the loop over Berlin one night "to show the bastards".

Tom Wilson

In our obituary of Wing Commander Roger Maw the three escapees were led by Captain Michael Codner, not Eric Condor as stated.

Admiral Sir Guy Grantham

WHEN Admiral Sir Guy Grantham (obituary, September 12) was the guest of naval historians at a dinner on board HMS Victory a few years ago, he was asked to reflect on any aspect of his long and distinguished career that had particularly stayed in his mind. Without hesitation he spoke of the Second Battle of Sirte in 1942; but not of his own brilliant contribution to that famous action as a cruiser captain. He spoke of his guilt of having forgotten, when he was one of the few to survive on the Cleopatra's bridge after it had been hit by a shell and 15 killed, that the mast-head look-out above might have survived and be unable to descend. This proved to be the case and Grantham said that he never forgave himself for leaving the seaman in his eyrle for several more hours before

MAY I add a brief word to your excellent obituary of Admiral Sir Guy Grantham?



When he was Director of Plans at the Admiralty in the war I had the honour of serving under him - in a very menial capacity — and should just like to emphasise his affection and admiration in which he was held by all those fortunate enough to have known him.

He always showed, despite his illustrious career, great humility and genuine interest and concern for others in all walks of life — a truly kind and perfect gentleman - much loved by all.

Colette Leslie.

The King took a keen interest In the design of the George Cross, drawing the original sketch and amending drafts. The first recipients were a

THE KING'S **MESSAGE OF**

The King, who spoke clearly and firmly for 11 minutes, made the broadcast from his underground shelter at Buckingham Palace since an air raid warning was in

It is just over a year since the let us consider together where we was at that time so far away that we could only just hear its distant massed across the Channel, only fleets of the enemy launch their line, to champion those liberties

and constant danger has won a new renown for the British name. These men and women are worthy partners of our armed Forces and our police - of the Navy, once more as so often before our sureshield, and the Merchant Navy, of the army and the Home Guard, alert and eager to repel any invader, and of the Air Force, whose exploits are the wonder of the world.

To-night, indeed, we are a nation on guard and in the line. Each task, each bit of duty done. however simple and domestic it may be, is part of our war work. It takes rank with the sailor's the soldier's, and the airman's duty. factories or on the railways who work on regardless of danger, though the strens have sounded. necessities of our common life and keeping the fighting line well supplied with weapons, earn their place among the heroes of

Many and glorious are the deeds of gallantry done during these perilous but famous days. In order that they should be worthily and promptly rec-ognised I have decided to create at once a new mark of honour for men and women in all walks of civilian life. I propose to give my name to this new distinction. which will consist of the George Cross, which will rank next to the Victoria Cross, and the George Medal for wider distribution.

As we look around us we see on every side that the Mother City of the British Commonwealth is proving herself to be built as a city that is at unity in itself. The walls of London may be battered, but the spirit of the Londoner

Vickers was born into a

returning twice-yearly thereafter. Although there was still considerable prejudice against the Japanese, the war lingering still in many memories, he oursued his aim with resolve, and the many clients he represented, including several Oxbridge colleges, profited considerably by his foresight. While his interests in the Far East afforded him the

chance for extensive and exciting travel, he also relished the human contact of looking after his private clients at home. He loved the contrast of dealing in large sums and then advising an elderly doctor to purchase a colour television set. He was broker to Nuffield College from the outset in 1958, swiftly involved them in Japan and rang the bursar daily. He enjoyed chatting to academics. who on a strict test of the wealth their institutions commanded, could not have merited the time he devoted. He enjoyed bouncing his instinctive ideas off men who liked to believe that everything could

be done by calculation. He could calculate too, but never trusted a calculation that did not concern his instincts.

stockbroking family, his father having founded Vickers, da Costa in 1917. He was educated at Uppingham and relished his undistinguished years at Trinity College, Cam-bridge. Thereafter his prime interest was racing at Brooklands. Nevertheless he joined Vickers, da Costa and became a member of the London Stock Exchange in 1938. Just before the war he joined the Supplementary Reserve, and then served in the 1st Regiment RHA and later as a major in the Royal Devon Yeomanry Artillery. He was badly wounded in the leg, but was fit enough to return to war, where he won the Military Cross for an action in Italy



RALPH VICKERS

in 1943 in July 1944, Vickers returned

Following his father's death to the Stock Exchange. He

was forced to serve under old and ineffectual partners, but by doing the lion's share of the business he was soon in control. He became senior partner in 1961 and chairman in 1972 when Vickers, da Costa became a company. He great-ly expanded his father's investment trust, General Funds (founded in 1926), and in 1959 he founded Investing In

in London.

The business done in Japan and elsewhere led to considerable expansion with offices all over the world - in London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, New bourg, Monte Carlo and the

Bahamas. He possessed a good sense of humour, which at times became mischievous. A fisherman on his stretch of the River Avon in Wiltshire complained that he had not caught any fish. Vickers paused for a moment and then enraged him by saying: Well, of course, you are pitting your wits against the fishes...."

His family was diverse. His eldest sister, Joan (now Baroness Vickers), became the distinguished MP for Plymouth, Devonport, holding her always marginal seat against allcomers for 19 years. His first wife, Dulcie Metcalf, had strong equestrian interests and they held dressage competitions at the moated farm they restored together in Hampshire in the 1960s. His son, Hugo, became a biographer. Then, after the dissolution of his first marriage in 1987, he married Khorshid Farman Farmaian, and found himself part of a large Iranian family whose members were spread across the world.

John Gunn Drummond Gordon, CBE, a former director and group chief executive of Grindlays Bank, died on September 16 aged 83. He was born on April 27, 1909.

JOHN Gordon fell in love with Africa as a young man and Africa, by and large, repaid the compliment. "Bwa-na mrefu sana" (very tall one) was the name by which it knew him, as he moved between Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, towering above most of those he met and address-

in fluent Swahili. Of the 45 years of his career with various banks, he spent 30 of them abroad — mostly on the continent of Africa he had first visited in his twenties. He was on first-name terms with the leading figures in East Africa, including Jomo Kenvatta, Julius Nverere and even Idi Amin — long before the last of these began his reign of terror.

Few understood their economies, then based on the East African shilling, better than he did. He made himself an authority on their industries and the crops like coffee and cotton on which they depended. Professionally as well as physically he stood out amid the expatriate British community. Although East Africa was the region he knew best, as the general manager for Africa (as he later became). Gordon was also largely responsible for expanding Grindlays Bank's interests throughout countries to the south like Zambia and those in the west like Ghana and



gone out from Britain to teach. and they were married in Jinja, Uganda, in the follow-

ing year. There followed three years in India, based in Bombay and Calcutta. But by the mid-1950s, the Gordons were back in Uganda, this time Kampala. From there they were posted to Kenya where he became superintendent of the

Germans pay

Shaw writes).

scientist whose identification of electromagnetic waves foreshadowed the development of wireless and radar.

will be a commemorative ser-

engineering department, re-Mr Knell said: "A head-

SEPT 24 ON THIS DAY 1940 many others in the face of grave

Bridlington rescue party worker and two Royal Engineers who had removed the bomb which fell near St Paul's Cathedral.

CONFIDENCE

progress when he began. He said:-

war began. The British peoples entered it with open eyes, rec-ognising how formidable were the forces against them, but confident in the justice of their cause. Now, after a year of war. stand. Much has happened since September, 1939. Great nations have fallen. The battle, which rumblings, is now at our very doors. The armies of invasion are 20 miles from our shores. The air attacks, day and night, against our cities. We stand in the front and traditions that are our

In this battle for Britain, London the mighty capital of the Empire, occupies the forefront. Others of our cities are being subjected to the barbarous attacks of the enemy. But is is London that is for the time being bearing the brunt of the enemy's

To the men and women who carry on the work of the A.R.P. services I should like to say a special word of gratitude. The devotion of these civilian workers, firemen, salvage men, and

stands resolute and undismayed. We live in grim times, and it

may be that the future will be grimmer yet. Winter lies before us, cold and dark. But let us be of good cheer. After winter comes spring, and after our present trials will assuredly come victory and a release from these evil things. Let us then put our mist. as I do, in God, and in the unconquerable spirit of the Brit-

Receptions

The Bel Air Hotel Company Mr Hansjorg Maissen, Vice Presi dent, Bel Air Hotel Company and Managing Director, Hotel Bel Air Cap Ferrat, France, and Mr Frank Bowling, Vice President and Gen-eral Manager, Hotel Bel Air Los Angeles, were hosts at a reception last night at Pulbrook & Gould, Sloane Street, London, SW1, during their London visit. Many distinguished guests and friends were present.

Fulbright Commission Mr Edward C. McBride. Ameri-

can Cultural Attaché and Chair-

can Fulbright scholars at the start

of their year in the United

man of the Fulbright Commission welcomed the guests at a reception held last night at the American Embassy in honour of the Ameri-

Kingdom.

Dinners Families for Defence Lady Olga Maidand, MP. Chair-man of Families for Defence Patrons Club, presided at a dinner held at the Carlton Club last night

slavia was the guest speaker. Guild of Freemen of the City of Mr Derek L. Kemp, Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London, and Mrs Kemp were the hosts at a dinner held last night at

the City of London Club.

Crown Prince Alexander of Yugo

Luncheon

The Crown Estate The Earl of Mansfield, First Crown Estate Commissioner, Mr Christopher Howes, Second Crown Estate Commissioner, and Commissioners Mr Richard Caws, Mr George Lillingston and Mr John Norris were hosts at a uncheon yesterday at 16 Carlton House Terrace.

Among the guests were: Lord Chorley Sir Douglas Lovelock, Sir Nigel Mobbs, Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, Miss Jennie Page. Mr Richard Wilson, Mr Hugh Edwards and Mr Stuart Corbyn.

Service luncheon

Royal Highland Fusiliers The Princess Margaret Con of Snowdon, Colonel in Chief of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, at-tended the Officers' Annual Regimental Luncheon held at the Officers' Mess. 1st Battalion, Oakington Barracks, Cambridge. yesterday. Brigadier I.S. Reid, OBE, Colonel of the Regiment. and Mrs Reid were present.

Appointments Mr Michael Marshall to be Vice

Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridge Miss Caroline Sheppard to be Chief Parking Adjudicator for

Architecture

Pevsner reaches furthest isles

By Marcus Binney, architecture correspondent

PEVSNER'S famous series of county guides reaches the northern outposts of the British Isles with the publication of Highlands and Islands. From the start the Scottish volumes have been of high quality, aided by the calibre of the lists of listed buildings which north of the border contain historical research as well as architectural descrip-

While the English volumes were largely written by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner himself, in Scotland the job has increasingly fallen to John Gifford, author not only of this volume but of Fife and the forthcoming Dumfries and Galloway for whom the task is becoming a lifetime's work. To him it has fallen to visit every Scottish isle

with a building or ruin on it.

Castles are here by the

dozen. The Earl's Palace at

Kirkwall of 1606 would if

completed have vied with Eliz-

abethan Burghley. Fort

George, Britain's answer to Vauban's fortresses on the Rhine, is chronicled in masterly detail down to the neo-Georgian Naafi block of 1934. Among rural buildings he progresses through the laird or tackman's house, the manse (the landowners of each parish were legally obliged to house the minister), through farm houses, peasant houses "built of thick sods of earth shaped as brick" and steadings.

His search for industrial buildings yields ice houses and curing houses in fishing villages and an abandoned whaling station at Bunavoneader, distilleries with pagodalike roofs, a large Georgian ropeworks at Cromarty, lighthouses with Egyptian trimmings and modern power stations with crazy paving walls. As well as fine Palladian houses like Culloden, there are numerous shooting lodges, and intriguing Edwardian

houses like Aultmore, built for the owner of a Moscow department store in 1912. Of special interest are the planned burghs of the eighteenth and nineteenth century, including fishing villages built for highlanders cleared from land turned to sheep farming. Among the gems of the region are eighteenth cen-tury churches which preserve box pews and galleries.

The glossary is fascinating on Scottish terms. A barmkin is an enclosing wall; a conductor, a rain water down pipe; a rhone, a gutter. A dun is a small stone wall fort; flatted means divided into apartments, but the first flat can also be the first floor. A mortsafe is a macabre Scottish defence against grave robbers for example an iron frame over a grave. And did you know gazebo is jocular Latin for "I shall gaze". ☐ Highlands and Islands

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Commuters stranded as torrential rain sweeps across England

Floods kill 29 in violent French storms

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST 29 people were killed and 48 missing after violent storms and flash floods swept the Ardeche, Vaucluse and Drome regions in south-east France. Police said roads and bridges were washed away and crops ravaged. The death toll was the worst from a storm in France in 34 years.

Weather forecasters said the same storm system struck England yesterday, swelling rivers and causing floods. No deaths were reported but highways and rail lines were flooded, and thousands of commuters were stranded. The London Weather Centre said the heaviest rainfall was in a swath of eastern England running from North Yorkshire down to north Surrey. In Italy, authorities reported

that two people were missing when flash floods swept the Savona area on the coast, north of the French border.

The violent wind and rains swept through southern France on Tuesday. Police said yesterday that at least 48 more people were missing in Vaucluse, a scenic region and a popular spot for holiday homes and tourists. Of the missing, five are Belgians, two
German and one Dutch,
officials in Avignon said.
Officials put the number of
deaths in northern Vaucluse at

25. including five Belgians. Twenty-one of the victims were killed in Vaison-la-Romaine, a medieval town of 5.000 people about 25 miles north of Avignon. Two were killed in the town of Aubignon and two in Gigondas.

Four people were killed in Ardeche, between Lyons and Avignon, including a young man who tried to save his man who tried to save his father from the swollen Ardèche river, the local governor's office said. Two women, 60 and 35, were swept away by floodwaters when they left their car, and a farmer drowned while trying to rescue horses from a flooded field.

The death toll was the highest from a storm in

highest from a storm in France since October 1958, when 36 people were killed in the neighboring Gard region. In Vaison-la-Romaine, bodies of victims were a storm of the stor

ies of victims were wrapped in sheets and laid in a gymnasium. Paul Quiles, the interior minister, paid a visit to the temporary mortuary before touring the stricken region. Witnesses talked of seeing camper vans being carried down the Ouveze river "like toys" with people inside screaming for help.

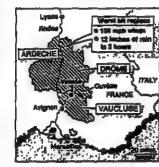
About 1,500 rescue work-



Cold comfort: a fireman ferrying people across Station Road in Edgware, central London, yesterday after a month's rain fell in a few hours

ers, including soldiers, searched for the missing in northern Vaucluse, after the Ouveze overflowed. Some bodies discovered yesterday were entangled in branches on the banks of the river,

police said. Violent winds toppled at least a dozen buildings in Vaison-la-Romaine, officials said, and thousands were



cut off. They said river levels were stabilising but would not return to normal until the end of the week. "It's the kind of storm you see only in 40 or 50 years," said Jean-Claude Andrieu, the mayor of the

Vaucluse town of Carpentras. The weather agency, Meteo-France, issued warnings of further storms yesterday along France's southern coast and in eastern areas of the country.

In eastern England, homes were flooded, cars floated away and pensioners had to be ferried to safety in dinghies yesterday after the equivalent of a month's rain fell in the space of a few hours.

As people counted the damage caused by the heavy rainfall, water companies said drought orders and hosepipe bans would remain in force. North London was one of

the worst-hit areas after a stream overflowed in Edgware, flooding several streets with up to four feet of water. Ian Colquhoun-Kemp, whose flat in Barnet, north London, was flooded, said the rain reminded him of tropical

"It broke very suddenly and carried on for about four hours. My flat is built on porous bricks and I watched in horror as more than an inch of rain soaked up through the floor. My carpets have been wrecked and all my furniture

Edgware General Hospital, in north London, was flooded with two feet of water, and the casualty department had to be

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National motorways.
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Firefighters tried throughout the night to stem the flood which swept through four wards.

At least two inches of floodwater filled the block and Tim the operations

manager, said: "It's been an extremely difficult night, but with the help of the fire brigade we've cleared the ward block of water."

The National Rivers Authority said flooding in north

London began when tributaries of the upper River Brent overran their banks. Also hit were regions of southern and central England, where some towns and villages were virtually cut off.

Illegal parking 'no longer a crime'

By Frances GIBB

HATCHET-FACED traffic wardens dispensing the law with their book of parking tickers will soon be no more. In London from next year they will become "parking atten-dants", whose tickets no long-

er represent penalties for breach of the criminal law.
Instead of being taken to court, motorists who want to challenge a parking ticket can appeal to special adjudicators in new centres to be set up around London. These will operate outside the court system. The more is part of an tem. The move is part of an overhaul of parking legisla-tion in the capital under the Road Traffic Act 1991, with the Metropolitan police handing over responsibility for the work to local boroughs.

One effect could be a rise in the number of wardens on the streets. The 2,000 traffic wardens now operating in London will remain with the police and patrol the "red" arterial routes and Whitehall arierial routes and Wintenau security zones. Elsewhere, traffic wardens will be replaced by new attendants working for the boroughs. Alternatively, boroughs will contract out the work. One estimate is that there would be at least 800 of these attendants by July 1994.

these attendants by July 1994. The changeover will be managed by the new Parking Committee for London, which today celebrates the appointment of its new director. Nick Lester, and chief adjudicator, Caroline Sheppard. Miss Sheppard, formerly an Inner London justices' clerk and also personal assistant to the fixed penalty clerk for London, said: It's a whole review of parking, giving more space where possible but where that is not, enforcing parking regulations

possible but where that is not, enforcing parking regulations more effectively."

Details of the new appeals scheme are still being worked out with Department of Transport officials. But Miss Sheppard said that the atm was to keep the procedure simple and streamlined, ideally using computer technology, rather than "having files passed to and from boroughs o adjudicators". Motorists would not have to

attend unless they wanted to. Lide ilizi eted monito oc appeal to the borough. If the appeal was rejected, motorists would go to one of the new

If it is successful, the scheme will not stop at parking. Speeding may similarly be moved out of the courts.

Germany bails out franc to save ERM

Continued from page I changes in the Maastricht treaty at the London EC surmit next month, although he was against going so far as renegotiation. He pledged the lira would "very rapidly" return to ERM in spite of a wave of strikes in Italy against his of strikes in Italy against his

austerity policy.

All European leaders meclearly aware of the legal
difficulty which Britain has to overcome in finding a formula to mollify Danish opposition to Maastricht. Any formal protocol attached to the treaty becomes part of it, and would have to be ratified, which could mean new referendums.
The British presidency has favoured a political declaration, similar to what Herr Kohl now proposes, which governs the interpretation of Maastricht. The real difficulty whether this would be enough to satisfy the Danes. The Bundesbank last night



came under the strongest pol-

currency speculators

itical pressure yet from the Bonn government to cut inter-est rates as the only remaining way of saving the ERM from total collapse. During their two-hour meeting in Paris on Tuesday, Herr Kohi told President Mitterrand that he would do all he could to convince the independent Bundesbank that its high interest rates were not only endangering the very exis-tence of the EC but dragging the west German economy down. This gloomy view comes from private studies within the chancellery and was backed by a report yester-International.

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Most parts can expect a cloudy start with outbreaks of some-times heavy rain. The southwest will become brighter, but showery, during the morning and this brighter, showery weather should reach much of England and Wales by afternoon. However, eastern England and southern Scotland will stay cloudy until evening. The rest of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy and wet. Everywhere will feel rather cold. Outlook: more rain. ABROAD

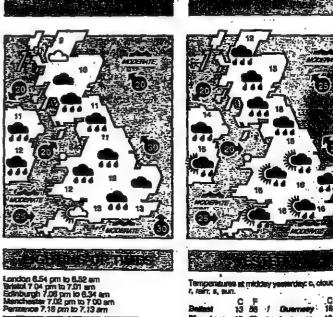
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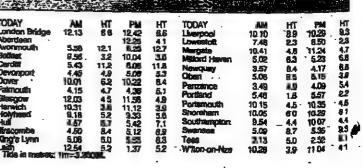


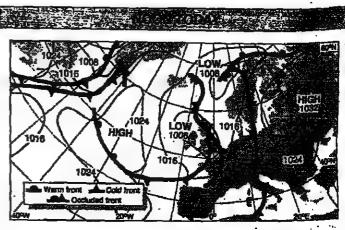
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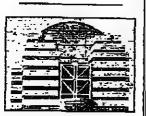
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the Recession, runs to three pages. But unlike the average armchair Franco-German efforts to safeguard the franc were only partially successful. The franc rose to under Fr3.40 but closed weaker at Fr3.4130, about 1 centime better than the Tuesday close. Sterling was little affected by the Franco-German battle against the speculators. The pound closed at

rise in French overnight rates to more than 20 per cent, a cut in German overnight rates

to almost nil per cent and a joint statement in the morning by the French and German

governments realfirming the commitment to the present ERM parties.

markets by intervening when the franc was still trading comfortably above its floor. The

The Bundesbank also surprised the

DM2.5643, up 2 pfennigs.
The speculative flows in European curreninterest rates by 2.5 points to 13 per cent, a cy markets were also fuelled by a series of

France and Germany fight to prevent ERM collapse unconfirmed rumours circulating in the should do so, not in 1997 or 1999 but in the markets yesterday. The most pertinent of these was continued speculation that Germany and France would soon decide to link their currencies more closely together. thereby precipitating a two-speed process towards European monetary union inde-

pendent of the Maastricht treaty. Expectations of a fast-lane monetary union were fuelled by comments from Karl Otto Pohl, the former president of the Bundesbank, who called for spendy monetary union of an inner core of ERM countries, involving Germany, France and the Benelux countries. In an interview with Weltwoche, a Swiss newspaper, Herr Pöhl said that "those countries which are willing and able to establish a currency union with a common central bank and single currency

near future". This view is also giving rise to expectations that France may soon imitate Belgium by linking the franc to the mark in an even narrower band than the official 2.25 per cent fluctuation margin.

The expectation of closer links between the mark and franc did not stop the speculation against the franc. The efforts to outmanoeuvre the speculators included, most unusually, intra-marginal intervention by the Bundesbank, designed to stabilise a currency well above its absolute floor. The Bank of France also intervened heavily. The intervention has had its effects on France's foreign currency reserves, which have gone down from about \$90 billion in August to about \$50 billion recently.. The amounts that the Bundesbank is thought to have

mobilised in support of the franc are thought to be small compared with the DM50 billion in intervention last week, of which DM35 billion are believed to have

been used solely to support sterling.

In a separate move to stabilise the ERM. the Bank of Spain introduced penalties on new non-resident peseta deposits to deter speculation. It was the first control on investments since Spain lifted capital controls in February, and highlights the seriousness with which Europe's authorities are treating the distabilising speculation affecting in foreign exchange markets.

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BAe shake-up and job losses to cost £750m

BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

THE survival of British Aerospace, Britain's prin-cipal aircraft manufacturer, hinges on the success of a wide-ranging reconstruction plan unveiled yesterday by John Cahill, chairman for the past four months.

By Wolfgang Münchau

EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE German and French central banks

have intervened massively in foreign ex-change markets to stop the franc from

falling through its floor in the exchange-rate

mechanism. The joint intervention came as

part of a concerted Franco-German effort to

prevent a third ERM realignment in less

than two weeks, which could have led to the

Throughout yesterday, the French and

German governments and central banks

resorted to a series of unusual and deter-

mined measures to keep the franc above its ERM floor of Fr3.43 against the mark.

These included a rise in short-term French

collapse of the whole system.

The plan involves the closure of the group's plant in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, the loss of 3,000 jobs, and a £750 million provision against the BAe 146 regional aircraft business, which is expected to be hived off in a joint venture with the Taiwanese.

So large are the provisions - reflecting the extent of the cash haemorrhage in the regional aircraft business, which comprises the BAe146, Jet-stream and ATP turbo-prop programmes — that BAe is proposing a financial reconstruction in order that the company can continue to pay dividends to its shareholders.

Details of the rationalisation accompanied interim results showing a £129 million pre-tax loss for the first half of 1992, with the regional aircraft business crashing £286 million into the red. They were price on the stock market. from 199p to 113p. This compares with the 150p at which they were privatised in February 1981, a peak of 745p in 1989, and last year's rights issue price of 380p. At this level the entire business is

valued at only £425 million.

Analysts described them selves as "appalled" and "dis-tressed," and particularly disappointed at the extent of the regional aircraft losses.

Mr Cahill, former chief executive of BTR, who was appointed chairman of BAe four months ago, said the board was "determined to secure the future profitability of group in the difficult trading conditions that several of our businesses are experienc-ing". He added: "What we have done is to cap the regional aircraft losses."

The key decision involves the future of the regional aircraft operation, which saw a £327 million cash outflow in the first six months of the year. "For every £1 profit we make on our defence business. 96p is absorbed by this division. We could not let that go on."

Manufacturing will cease at Hatfield within the next 15 months, and all production of the BAe 146 successor aircraft, the RJ series, will be concentrated at the Woodford, Manchester, plant. ATP production will be transferred to Prestwick, Ayrshire, alongside Jetstream. Mr Cahill said: "We have a shortage of 1 million man hours of work at Prestwick."

At the same time, he revealed that BAe had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Taiwan Aerospace Corporation which envisages the establishment of a joint venture between the two companies from January 1, 1993, to design, build and sell the RJ series, successor to the

BAe 146. TAC, described by Mr Cahill as "a financially strong partner which will also give us access to the fastest-expanding Asian markets", would take a 50 per cent interest in return for a cash payment expected to amount to about £120 million. Although the board was

confident that the deal would be brought to a successful conclusion — a due diligence team is expected to arrive next week - the £750 million provisions had been calculated to cover the cost of complete closure, in the event of a breakdown in the talks. Under the financial recon-

struction proposals, which will have to be approved by shareholders in general meeting and by the courts, the nominal value of the ordinary shares will be written down from 50p to 10p, and the share premium account reduced by £599 move reserves down the balance sheet, and permit the board to pay a dividend. Company law forbids dividend payments if there is a deficiency of distributable reserves.

BAe says it will pay an interim of 3p a share, as long

as the proposals are imple-mented. "Shareholders have had a rough time. Now there is real hope," Mr Cahill said. Those hopes are pinned

primarily on the defence business, manufacturer of the Tornado and Harrier jets, which made £296 million profits in the first half, against £281 million previously. The Rover car operations reduced losses from £43 million to £31 million, the Ariington property business lost £6 million (£5 million) and the construction interests saw profits fall to £12 million (£20 million).

Mr Cahill forecast, however that, leaving aside regional aircraft, the group's other op-erations, including Airbus. which was responsible for a £157 million cash outflow in the first half, would "in totality" be cash generative next year. "Make no mistake, we will introduce disciplines for real cost savings".

Analysis, though horrified at the extent of the regional aircraft losses, were convinced that the company would sur-vive. Given the sharp decline in BAe's fortunes, speculation Weinstock, chief executive of GEC, will consider bidding for the company.

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Now there is real hope': John Cahill, chairman, announcing BAE's shake-up yesterday

Mortgages lowered by up to 1 per cent

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

SEVERAL mortgage lenders cut their rates by up to 1 per cent for new borrowers vesterday and for existing borrowers later. The moves follow the 1 per cent reduction in bank base rates to 9 per cent on Tuesday. All major lenders are expected to fall into line.

The National & Provincial building society has cut its rate by 0.76 per cent to 9,00 per cent. Royal Bank of Scotland has moved from 10.7 per cent to 9.95 per cent and the Newcostle building society is down from 10.65 per cent to 9.99 per cent. The monthly payments on a £60,000 endowment loan are reduced by E33 as a result.

N&P has also launched three new fixed rate mortgages with interest rates as low as 8.25 per cent for first time buyers guaranteed until Janu-

Bernard Edwards, director of customer requirement at N & P said: "In today's volatile climate, interest rates can fluctuate at any time and many customers feel the need to create some stability in their finances. Guaranteeing their mortgage payments is an important aspect of this."

The Skipton, the 14th largest society, cut its mortgage rate by 1 per cent to 10.25 per its mortgage rate by 0.5 per cent to 11.25 per cent to staunch the flow of savings to other accounts. The reduction for existing horrowers takes place on October 19. Societies are anxious that their savings rates should remain competitive with National Savings.

Sugar considering a bid to take Amstrad private

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ALAN Sugar's turbulent 12year relationship with the City may be approaching its cimax. It emerged yesterday that he is considering an offer for the 65 per cent of Amstrad he does not already own.

A terse statement from Amstrad was released in the afternoon after rumours began circulating in the stock market. The company's share price rose 3p to 28p, compared with the 30p level at which the offer would be pitched.

An offer should not be difficult to finance. Mr Sugar, the founder, chairman and managing director of the trou-bled electronics group, sold 43 million Amstrad shares last year at 79p. raising £34 mil-lion. Amstrad also has about £100 million of net cash. which could be used to pay off

City analysis were bemused by the latest twist to the Amstrad saga. They suggested that the announcement could be aimed more at providing a floor for the company's share

price than at taking it private. They pointed out that Mr Sugar would be unlikely to want to run down Amstrad's cash resources at this stage of the economic cycle. Others



suggested that he could not resist the opportunity to buy up 65 per cent of the shares for an effective net cost of about £10 million, after taking account of the company's cash Amstrad has been shaken

by public relations disasters this year, culminating in the

resignations of the finance director and the corporate finance director within 48 hours of each other in July. Both Amstrad's directors, Including Mr Sugar, and its advisers were unavailable or declined to comment. Mr Sugar has appointed a group of City advisers, led by Herbert Smith, the law firm. The

group does not include a merchant bank. Next month, Amstrad is due to announce its results for the year to June. It is expected to reveal huge provisions, pushing the company about £75 million into the red.

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Sir Lawrie serves up a tonic for Britain

By MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE average four-ale bar is never short of would be Chancellors, and the behaviour of the genuine article recently can only have swelled their numbers.

Adding to the chorus is Sir Lawrie Barratt, once Britain's top housebuilder and the man who clinched a deal with the previous occupant of Number Ten. He has used the opportunity of full-year figures from Barratt Developments to issue his proposals for reviving the economy. Company chairman can often be tempted to offer brief off-the-cuff views, especially when times are hard; Sir Lawrie's paper, entitled A Strategy to end

pundit, he can point to an extraordinary track record. He returned to the firm last summer, as Barratt warned of £100 million of losses. Yesterday he unveiled a sharper than expected turnround to pretax profits of £11.3 million and a final dividend of 2.0p.

Few will argue with Sir Lawrie's - an immediate cut in interest rates.

held memployment to 8 per cent. two

percentage points behind Britain. We want the US remedy for recession of 6

description of the events of last week as bizarre," or with his conclusion that withdrawal from the ERM - no mealymouthed suspension for him — leaves the government a free agent again. Few would object to his prescribed medicine He says the Americans, with the benefit of a floating exchange rate, have

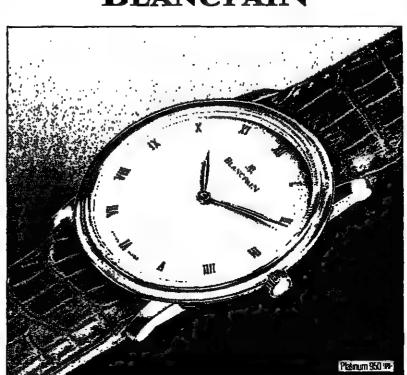
per cent interest rates and fast." He will find few opponents when he calls for a revival of the rented private sector. Meanwhile, most homeowners would welcome the extinction of stamp duty and a rise in the level of mortage tax relief on purely selfish grounds despite any apparent inconsistency. Iniquitous stamp duty "is nothing more than a tax on home ownership." he thunders.

The strategy presents a golden oppor-tunity for the whole country to move forward," he says. The current administration may be tempted to adopt his manifesto, but it should not look for any financial assistance. Barratt has long suspended payments to Tory funds. unable to justify the cost in the recession.

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London Securities announces plan to avoid receivership

LONDON Securities, the property group, venture capital concern and reluctant owner of a very expensive golf course in Berkshire, yesterday. announced plans for a financial restructuring that could enable it to avoid being placed in receivership.

Shares in the company slumped from 14p to 2p, after the group's announcement that the sole hope of corporate survival lay in a voluntary arrangement re-quiring the approval of both creditors and shareholders. Without it, "the company will have no alternative other than to enter into insolvent liquidation, administration or receivership". That would leave all classes of the company's shares valueless. It is estimated that London Securities' liabilities exceed its assets by about £13 million.

offer to shareholders aimed at raising between £250,000 and E502,000 of new capital, which could result in him owning almost half of the "enlarged" company. A capi-tal reorganisation is also proposed, under which shareholders will receive one new 1p share for every 35 old shares owned. Preference

Cost-cutting action gives boost to BSG

By Jonathan Prynn

FIRST-half taxable profits at BSG International, the car components to nursery furniture group, have climbed 31 per cent from their recessionary low of £6.5 million to £8.6 million thanks to cost-cutting measures and market share

Shares rose op to 672p on the better than expected results for the six months to end-June. The recovery was driven by a greatly improved trading performance from the automotive components manufacturing division, which saw trading profits rise from £3.8 million to E5.5 million on turnover of £66.1 million. The division specialises in making car mirrors and is due to open a £7.5 million mirror factory in Nov-

The only setback for the division came at the US mirror manufacturing company. which reported a small loss as a result of high design and investment costs. The level of exports from the Australian mirror company to America increased substantially. The

David Pearl, the chairman, has partially underwritten an

consumer and special prod-ucts division had a tougher year, with sales of children's car safety seats and pushchairs affected by the recession. The exception was the German car safety seat manufacturing sub-

sidiary, which reported record profits in the six months. The aircraft interior equip-ment subsidiary also suffered from falling demand as a result of the downturn in the commercial aircraft construction market.

The vehicle distribution and leasing division increased trading profits by £1 million to £2.3 million. despite reduced demand through "careful at-tention to trading terms and overheads". Group turnover fell 3 per cent to £287 million and earnings per share rose 33 per cent to 2.57p. Astley Whittall, the chair-

man, said he could not report any improvement in the economies in which the group trades but had "great confidence" in the company's future. The interim dividend has been held at 0.70p.

shareholders will receive two new ordinary shares for every seven old preference shares. Under the terms of the

voluntary arrangement, existing lenders and creditors would have no claim to the new money raised, giving the company the opportunity to make a fresh start. The voluntary arrangement would last two years although, if the money raised does not exceed the minimum (£90,000 after expenses), the group's work-ing capital facilities would run out at the end of next year.

The company gave warning last year that it had breached several banking covenants. Many of its difficulties arose from its failure to refinance Mill Ride, the Ascot golf course it borrowed E10 million

to develop.

A standstill agreement with the group's bankers was reached in June, but the company remains vulnerable to action from non-bank creditors. The voluntary agreement would give it protection. The current standstill arrangements, which also involve Mill Ride being ring-lenced from other group creditors, are due to expire in November.

Assuming the voluntary arrangement is agreed and the standstill extended, new work-ing capital facilities of up to £335,000 will be extended to the company.
Under the terms of the

Insolvency Act 1986, a voluntary arrangement requires the approval of 75 per cent by value of creditors voting either in person or by proxy. If approved, it ties all creditors to the terms of the arrangement. The priority of secured credi-News of the proposals was

accompanied by the second set of interim results for the group, after a decision to change the year end to September. An increased pre-tax loss of £6.5 million was made in the six months to March 31 and there is again no



Cloth cutting: Jim Maxmim, left, and Andrew Higginson, finance director

Laura Ashley climbs to £1.7m

By Jon Ashworth

is underway." Borrowings have been reduced from £13.4

LAURA Ashley, the international fashion group, contin-ued its recovery in the first half by raising pre-tax profits from £528,000 to £1.7 million. But problems in North America have cast a shadow over prospects for the group. which is taking drastic steps to restore its fortunes.

Turnover eased to £116 million (£132 million), but a fall in net interest payable from £1.4 million to £512,000. coupled with lower operating expenses and improved margins, boosted the results. Jim Maxmim, who was appointed chief executive a year ago as part of a management shake-up, said steps to cut costs were paying off. Particular attention has

been paid to improving levels of gross margin rather than chasing unprofitable sales. their efforts on North America. Sales in Japan increased per cent in a difficult Mr Maximim said: "Gross margins have improved in trading environment. Worldvery difficult trading circumwide markets remain difficult stances. We can safely say and volatile and the outlook is that the UK retail turnaround "unusualiv uncertain".

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SINESS ROUNDER

Cityvision pair move to rebuild JMD

BEV Ripley and Terry Norris, who were among those behind Cityvision, the video retail chain bought by America's Blockbuster Entertainment this year, are taking stakes in JMD Group, a loss-making manufacturer of greetings cards. They aim to build a stores chain selling computer and video games. Mr Ripley and Mr Norris will become chairman and managing director respectively of IMD, which is changing managing director respectively of JMD. which is changing

its name to Rhino Group.

The group will be enlarged by a capital reorganisation and the pair will each have a 3.6 per cent stake, with options over a further 3.4 per cent each. JMD's pre-tax losses in the halfyear to June 30 more than doubled, from £70,000 to £150,000. There is again no dividend.

Smiths buys in US

SMITHS Industries, the specialised industrial products group, is buying Intertech Resources, a private American company, for \$110 million. Intertech supplies anaesthesia and respiratory devices used in surgery and intensive care. An existing Smiths' subsidiary sells similar products in North America. Intertech had an operating profit of \$8 million, before interest of \$1.6 million, on sales of \$43.5 million in the year to the end of June. The company, which employs 450 people, is based in Chicago, with manufacturing operations in Fort Myers, Florida.

Huntleigh pays more

HUNTLEIGH Technology, the medical products group, is more than doubling its interim dividend, from 1,75p to 4p, after boosting pre-tax profits from £932,000 to £2.35 million in the first half of this year. Earnings per share jumped from 7.02p to 17.02p. The shares rose from 680p to 718p on the news. Turnover expanded from £9.8 million to £13.02 million. The results included an exceptional profit of £120,000 on the disposal of the recorder division. Net cash at June 30 was £1.2 million. The second half had started well and the full-year results would be "most satisfactory".

Clyde slides into red

AN £8 million write-off on international exploration expenditure, triggered by a change in accounting policy, resulted in heavy first half losses at Clyde Petroleum, the independent oil and gas exploration and production company. There was a pre-tax loss in the six months to end-June of £5.5 million against a profit of £6.8 million. An operating loss of £451,000 compares with a profit of £10.4 million. Net cash inflow was 15 per cent lower at £26.7 million (E31.3 million). Exploration expenditure fell from £32.4 million to £15.4 million. There is no dividend (0.5p).

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most of the early running as worries about a rise in inflation, following the pound's devaluation, intensified. Some economists are already forecasting that the

retail prices index will increase to 5 per cent by the end index-linked issues as a bede against inflation. As a result, the Bank of England was able to sell further tranches of the new Index-Linked Treasury 43/a per cent 2005 at prices up to £14 above its issue price. The shorter-dated index-linked issues attracted increased demand sporting gains of up to £4, while at the shorter end, gains were re-stricted to around £4.

Among conventional issues, shorts showed signs of running out of steam after the strong gains of the past week with Treasury 84 per cent 1997 rising £7/16 to £1014.

Trimming pays off for Travis **Perkins**

By MARTIN WALLER

TRIMMED overheads and low borrowings enabled Trav-is Perkins, the tiruber and builders' merchant, to tread water with pre-tax profits total-ling £5.26 million against £5.47 million in the half-year to end-June and to hold the imerim dividend at 2.5p, despite difficult trading condi-

But Tony Travis, the chairman, gave warning that de-spite the interest rate cut and hopes of more to come "we are looking for another very difficult six months and probably a little less profit than in the first six months. The shares rose

11p to 144p.
Mr Travis said that the figures were "pretty dull results, but quite acceptable in the present building market.

Sales fell by 3 per cent to £151.6 million and gross margins were 1 per cent lower, but cost-cutting, including the clo-sure of five branches and an i i per cent workforce reduction over the previous year, held operating margins at 3.2 per cent of sales. Mr Travis said: There are

no signs of recovery in our markets and it is too early to discern the significance of sterling's suspension from the European exchange-rate mechanism.

Bad debt charges, a feature of builders' merchanting during the recession, remained high but were contained at 1.1 per cent of credit sales, down from 1.4 per cent for 1991 as a whole.

Travis Perkins ended the half-year with a small net cash

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Companies' profits rise as economy **grows 0.1%**

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

GROSS trading profits of companies rose 10 per cent in the second quarter, an increase of almost 15 per cent on the same period last year, according to latest government estimates of national output.

The data, which confirmed provisional figures published last month, showed that the non-oil economy managed only 0.1 per cent growth in the second quarter. This was the first quarter-on-quarter gain since the second quarter of 1990, but provided only a frail pointer to the end of recession. Consumer spending rose 0.5 per cent during the period, first quarter-on-quarter gain for two years. This was consistent with the rise in

which has since faltered. Any glimmer of recovery is not expected to burn brighter this quarter, which City economists fear will show the economy flat, or possibly turning down again slightly.

retail sales earlier this year,

The most recent industrial trends survey from the Con-federation of British Industry indicated that manufacturers have become gloomier after experiencing some improve-ment in the first half of the year. The one-point cut in base rates on Tuesday could help to improve expectations, but no rapid upturn is expected.

Monetary easing and the sterling devaluation should help the economy to return to trend growth of an annual 2.5 per cent in about two years' time, but City forecasts for this year are still pointing to an annual decline in GDP of about I per cent.
The Central Statistical Of-

fice said the gross domestic product, seasonally adjusted and at constant 1985 prices, fell 0.1 per cent between the first and second quarters, after a 0.4 per cent fall in the first quarter, reflecting mainte-

North Sea oil and gas output. Excluding oil and gas and other energy output, a better guide to the state of the economy, GDP rose 0.1 per cent in the second quarter to stand 0.9 per cent down on the same quarter of 1991. The

first quarter saw a decline of The sharp improvement in company profits, which re-flected continued cost reductions and some improvement in consumer demand, puzzled economists, who believe the breakdown of the data to be released next week could reveal special factors.

Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, read the combination of higher con-sumer spending, rising pro-duction and further destocking as evidence that the economy was not falling deep-

Chris Dillow, economist at Nomura Research, noted that the GDP data underlined a core problem facing the Briteconomy: the improvement in domestic demand is being met by increased im-ports and not feeding through into higher domestic produc-

Provisional data from the environment department showed a further drop in ordover the summer. In the three months to July, orders fell a seasonally adjusted 11 per cent to stand 16 per cent below the same period last year. Private housing orders rose 2 per cent in the latest three months, but were 15.0 per cent down year-on-year.

☐ The American economy is improving slowly, with prices, apart from timber, generally stable, according to the Feder-al Reserve. Retail sales were reported steady, or slightly higher, in most regions, except for lackhistre sales of new cars.

Costain hangs fire on mines

BY MATTHEW BOND

COSTAIN, the mining, engineering and construction group, has made no final decision on how to realise value from its profitable Australian coal mining business.

Three months ago, the com-pany announced plans to float the business on the Australian Stock Exchange, while retaining a 49 per cent stake. But yesterday it said approaches had been received from several groups interested in acquiring the whole of the business

Costain's interim results were postponed for a fortnight, in the hope of a trade sale. Peter Costain, the chief executive, said plans for the subsidiary would be announced next month.

In the six months to June 30, the company made pre-tax profits of £2.5 million, down from £5.7 million in the first half of 1991. The interim dividend was passed (4.75p).

Coal mining in Australia and America was the biggest contributor to operating profits with £14.3 million. Tempus, page 21

Conder's quotation suspended

Shares in Conder Group, the group, were suspended at 8p at the company's request, "pending a clarification of its position". Last financial month Conder unveiled an increased pre-tax loss of £22.6 million for 1991.

At the time of its results. Conder said it had been urgently pursuing a number of ways to strengthen the financial base of the company", including the sale of subsidiaries and securing continued bank support. Yesterday's brief accompanying statement would suggest that the group has failed to secure "continued bank support".

Gent doubles

SR Gent reports more than doubled pre-tax profits of £2.3 million. A final dividend of 1.25p (0.75p) makes an unchanged 2p.

Vardon buys

Vardon is buying Sea Life Centres for £9.9 million. The group is being floated with a full listing on October 19.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

HEADLAM GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £465,000 EPS: 1.79p (1.41p) Div: 0.75p (0.75p) SECURE TRUST (Int) Pre-tex: £3.44m (£3.19m) EPS: 16.1p (14.5p) Div: 4p (3.5p) COPYMORE (Int) Pre-tax: £506,000 EPS: 3p (3.5p) DAGENHAM MOTORS

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Last time's interim profit was £213,000. Turnover up from £11.5m to £24.1m after

Gross income up 25% to £8.5m. Lower interest rates being partly offset by increase in lending book.

Last time's interim profit was \$606,000. Gearing reduced from 95% to under 70%. Recovery unlikely this year. Interim results. Turnover up

from £61.1m to £75.6m, helped by £13m from new dealer ships. Outlook is favourable. Last year's interim profit was 2210,000. Operating profit up from 52.9m to 23.4m but interest charge

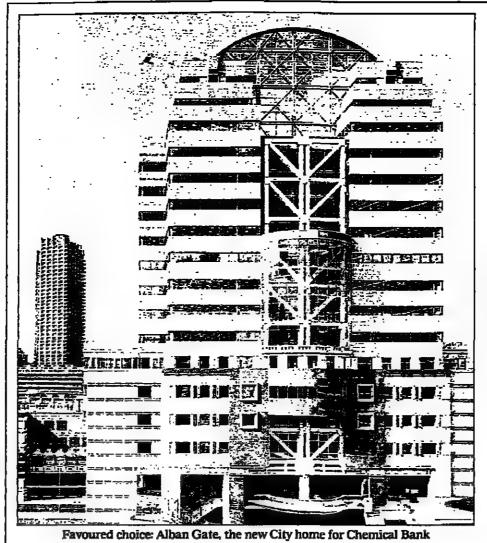
rose from £2.7m to £3.5m. Trading profits rose from £10.8m to £11.3m and net interest charges fell from £1.3m to £798,000. Trading

conditions remain difficult. Turnover rose from £35.95m to £52.3m. Company is confident of a satisfactory full-year result.

Turnover up from £9.2m to £15.8m, but trading profit fell from £376,000 to £246,000. Turnover slipped from £50.5m

Last time's loss was £3,000.

to £47.3m. Company is extremely cautious about prospects



US bank chooses Alban Gate

BY OUR CITY STAFF

CANARY Wharf, the troubled Docklands development now being run by administrators, received a further blow Bank, the American investment bank, announced it would not be moving to the project and was taking space in the City of London instead.

Chemical is the second prestige tenant of the development to confirm publicly that it will not be moving to Canary Wharf. American Express, the financial services group, recently said that it was taking legal steps to terminate a lease that would ave seen it establish its European headquarters in Docklands.

Chemical Bank's merged operation will move into six floors of Alban Gate, the enormous Terry Farrell-de-signed office block built across London Wall.

The building is owned by
MEPC, which said it was

delighted to have secured a tenant of the stature of Chemical Bank." The letting means that more than half of Alban Gate is now let.

Airtours pays £16m for Pickfords travel agency chain

By Jonathan Prynn

NFC, the freight distribution company 45 per cent owned by its workforce and their families, has announced its biggest disposal, the E16 million sale of the Pickfords travel agency chain to Airtours.

James Watson, NFC's chairman, said yesterday he was delighted that he had found a buyer committed to developing and expanding the business. The other half of the Pickfords group, Pickfords Business Travel, was sold to Wagon Lits, the French group, for £10 million last

The sale will give Airtours, Britain's third largest tour operator, increased access to 333 Pickfords outlets in UK high streets. In particular, it will strengthen Airtours' presence in the huge south of England markets. The purchase makes Airtours a fully vertically integrated travel group with its own airline and

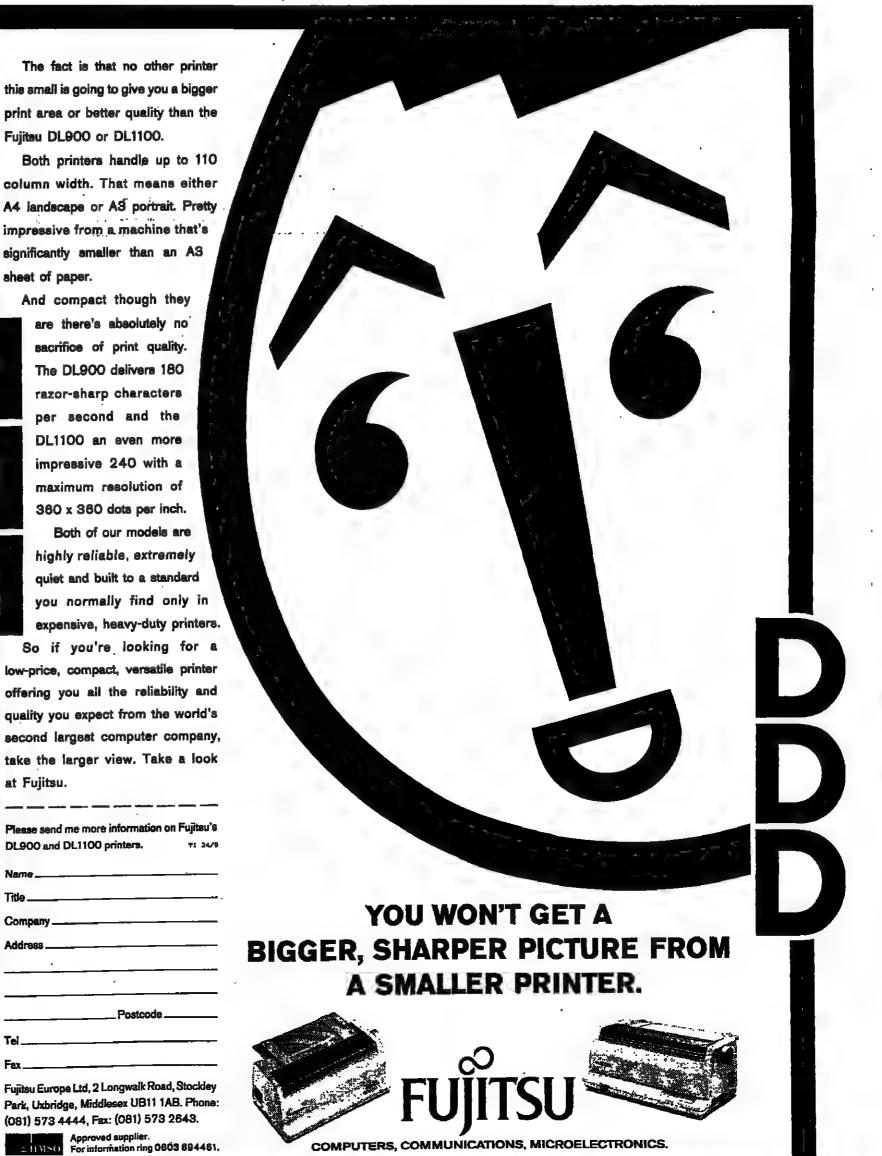
The deal was well received In the City and Airtours shares rose 3p to 216p. The purchase is being financed from Airtours huge cash resources.

and will be earnings-enhancing in the next financial year. In the 48 weeks to Septensber 5, Pickfords Travel Services made pre-tax profits of £2.9 million on commissions of £51.5 million generated from sales of £387 million. The deal will also bring £40 million of cash into Airtours, largely offset by Pickfird's trade creditor liabilities.

David Crossland, Airtours chairman, said the company would build up the Pickfords chain, concentrating on the north of England, where it is under-represented, to a level Poly, the 520-outlet market leader. Pickfords is Britain's third biggest travel agency chain and has a 7.3 per cent share of the market.

Airtours also released an upbeat trading statement.It said that "after a difficult start to the summer 1992 season. bookings and margins over marked improvement".

Sales for the coming winter and next year's summer season are also up on the same



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Barratt stays to build on his success

tent that he will serve out the full three years of his comeback at Barratt Developments, even though the latest set of figures indicate that the recovery programme is running well ahead of schedule.

He was forced to return from well-earned retirement after the company gave a warning of a collapse to losses of £100 million in 1990-91. From a reported loss of £105.9 million before tax, including £84 million of exceptional writedowns, Barratt has now swung around to a year's profit of £11.3 million after another £6.1 million of

Even healthier was the cut in borrowings, from £205 million to £71 million, representing gearing back from 93 per cent to 32 per cent. The recovery has enabled the payment of a 2.0p final and only dividend, covered 3.9 times.

The return to profitability, to the dividend list and to a gearing level below 50 per cent was to have taken two years, but has been achieved In 11 months, in time for a forecast recovery, however marginal, in the UK housing

The cut in borrowings was achieved mainly by £14 mil-lion of commercial property sales, an area the group expects to be out of within two years, by the sale of show homes that had been a drain on resources, and by the disposal of work-in-progress and completed stocks. No further write-downs are expected. The American operation is heading for break-even after £6.7 million of losses last year, and Barratt is out of the loss-making French business and the structure is substantially slimmed down.

Graham Foster, of Nomura. thinks £25 million before tax is achieveable this year, when Barratt will enjoy a tax charge of no more than 25 per cent. The shares jumped 16p to 66p on yesterday's figures. but still change hands on little more than six times' earnings. An excellent recovery play, given progress so far.

Laura Ashley

SOME people think that the only thing worse than being seen in a Laura Ashley dress is to have Laura Ashley wallpa-per in your bedroom. Jim Maxmin, chief executive, is not one of them.

inherited a humbering, out-dated company that had little to trade on other than a famous name and a range of swirling floral dresses and decorations. He promised to cut losses, strip out old management techniques and put the company back on the road

His five-year plan to restore the fashion group's fortunes seems to be on course. A sharply lower interest charge and reduced expenses saw pre-tax profits advance from £528,000 to £1.7 million in the half-year to July 25. Turnover eased from £132 million to £116 million, but improved margins helped to compensate. Earnings per share were



Point of light: Sir Lawrie Barratt, who is well ahead with his recovery plan

0.4p (0.12p). Again, there is

Several hundred jobs have one and shops are planned in Europe and the Far East. The biggest question is whether the North American division, which expanded recklessly in the Eighties. can be turned around.

Attention will focus on that region in the second half, and hopes are high that profits will return in 1993. Some scepticism remains, and Barclays de Zoete Wedd has downgraded its full-year group profit forecast from £6 million to £5 million as a precaution. And the brand? It may not be everyone's cup of tea, but customer loyalty should not be underestimated. The City likes what Mr Maxmin is doing but will want to see how North Ameri-

ca shapes up. The shares, down 2p at 60p, look ludicrously overpriced on a prospective p/e of about 38 and are unlikely to see much upside for now.

Costain

THE late return of a director from Australia delayed publication of Costain's interim

day. The continued absence of any good news from that country threatens to have more serious consequences.

Costain now promises to give news next month of its Australian coal mining operation - the business it first planned to float, then to sell and which now, apparently, could go either way. Just when a company needed some certainty, Costain once again failed to deliver.

Realising a blg lump of value from the Australian coal business is fundamental to the group's plan to cut net

level of £240 million and gearing from about 85 per cent of rather historic shareholders' funds. Property sales in Australia and other disposals will get borrowings heading the right way, but it is the coal mining sale that could transform the balance sheet. So to deliver neither a deal nor any clue as to the eventual proceeds could hardly encour-

age sentiment.
There is certainly much to worry about. The likelihood of further write-downs against the residential land bank and more provisions against the postponed Spitalfields development mean that the £2.5 million pre-tax profit of the first half is virtually certain to become a significant loss by the year-end.

Then there is the question of what a completed sale of the Australian operation leaves behind. The £4.5 miltion operating profit earned by engineering and construction may not be directly comparable with last time's £14.8 million, but it is far from encouraging for what is presumably a core business, alongside a to-date rather unexciting American coal op-eration. With commercial property in the past, that leaves the modestly loss-making. 400 unit a year housebuilding operation to

provide the gloss. At 27p, the lack of dividend support and uncertainty over the source of future profits is fully discounted. But until some questions are answered the shares are best avoided.

New York blue chips slip in early trading

New York - Shares eased in over of HK\$1.65 billion (E125 morning trading after a small. opening rise as traders reassessed the prospects for profits and the frenzied currency dealings and found little reason to buy. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 3.85 points to 3,277.

☐ Melbourne — Demand for

put options, combined with anxiety about the Maastricht treaty and global markets, caused prices to close sharply lower. The all-ordinaries index lost 15.8 points at 1,505. ☐ Hong Kong — Prices slid on word that a Communist Party congress might delay Governor Chris Patten's visit to Peking, but late bargainwon back some ground. Mr Patten confirmed the postponement of the visit after the market closed. The blue-chip Hang Seng index closed at 5,712.64, a loss of

27.54 points, on a thin turn-

million).

□ Frankfurt — Shares ended

slightly higher, with a myriad of rumours linked to the turmoil in foreign exchange markets dominating trading. The Dax index ended 7.49 points higher at 1,557.83 -but below a high for the day of 1,563.55 — in the face of the growing fears about the future of the European monetary

Singapore -- Prices closed mostly unchanged in quiet trading, with the bulk of activity focused on companies linked to Malaysia's Magnum Corp. The Straits Times industrial index firmed by 0.25 of a point to 1,330.06 on a volume of 38.56 million shares, against 29.09 million shares on Tuesday. ☐ Tokyo — The stock market

(Reuter)

STOCK MARKET

British Aerospace shares slump after losses

INVESTORS were left with a sour taste in their mouths by the events at British Aerospace and have begun questioning the future of the entire aerospace industry in this country. The first-half losses of £129 million and the 3,000 job losses at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, sent the BAe share price tumbling 86p to 113p as changed hands.

John Cahill, the chairman, who is attempting to restructure BAe, blamed the regional aircraft division for the losses. But the extent of the deficit shocked even the most pessimistic broker. The reverberations from the announcement were also being felt by other companies in the aerospace industry as investors started to take a gloomy view of prospects. Losses were seen in Lucas Industries, 11p to 90p. T&N, 52p to 152p, Rolls-Royce, 6p to 136p and Smiths Industries, 6p to 308p.

The rest of the equity market

saw some of its recent euphoria evaporate, with the news from BAe providing more evidence of just how deeply the recession had bitten. Prices failed to establish any real trend and spent another volatile session. The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of almost 18 points reversed by the late afternoon before clos-

Turnover was another impressive 735 million shares. but there was a continued lack of retail demand. Much of the business is still being conducted between the various securities houses, which are attempting to unravel short positions built up during the summer before the pound's devaluation and cut in interest

Trafalgar House, the construction group, which also includes the Cunard shipping line and the Ritz Hotel, eased lp to 50p on the news that it has sacked BZW and appoint-



ed UBS Phillips & Drew to act with Cazenove as joint brokers to the company. Trafalgar's chief executive. Sir Erlo executive, Sir Eric Parker, blamed a conflict of interests for the move.

BZW also acts for Midland & Scottish Resources, which has been in dispute with Trafalgar about the Emerald North Sea oil platform since

Oot Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Trafalgar's acquisition Davy Corporation in 1991. Scottish & Newcastle, the drinks and leisure group,

jumped 10p to 422p on hopes of some good news on the trading front soon. The group is taking a party of analysts to visit its Center Parcs operation in France. It is hoped that the group will have some encour-

aging news about trading prospects. S&N recently indicated that the Center Parcs side was feeling the effects of the fall in consumer spending.

Geest, the importer of bananas, tumbled 36p to 302p after issuing a veiled profits warning with its half-year figures. Exceptionally weak produce prices during the ing the group. Pre-tax profits were up 2 per cent to £15.4

Williams Holdings fell 14p to 276p amid mounting speculation that the group was about to ask shareholders for funds to help finance its next acquisition. Whispers in the market claim that Williams is interested in buying Thorn EMI's industrial division, including its lighting operation. Brokers say the asking price is likely to be about £400 million.

Amstrad, the consumer electronics group, finished 3p firmer at 28p, unimpressed with Alan Sugar's plans to take the company private again. Mr Sugar, who owns 35 per cent of the group, is contemplating offering 30p a share, giving Amstrad a price-tag of around £170 million. Four years ago it was valued at more than £1 billion. But figures due next month are expected to reveal large losses and a question mark hangs

Costain, the construction group, eased 2p to 27p after seeing interim pre-tax profits drop from £5.7 million to £2.5 million. The group warned there was no sign of a pick-up in the second half.

But it was better news from Barratt Developments, the housebuilder, with the group returning to the black with pre-tax profits of £11.3 million against a loss for the corres-ponding period of £106 million. The group also returned to the dividend list with a 2p

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GM opens German plant to rival Japan

FROM REUTER IN EISENACH, GERMANY ADAM Opel AG, a subsidiary

of General Motors (GM), the American automotive company, has opened a car plant in Europe to meet the challenge of Japanese competition. The plant, at Eisenach, south east of Kassel, employs Japanese-style production methods and will produce 150,000 cars a year from 1993, the same rate as rival

Louis Hughes, GM Europe president, said trade barriers in the European Community were the wrong answer to Japanese competition. "Instead, we want to train hard and work hard to remain competitive," he said.

The DM1 billion plant is one of the biggest investments in former East Germany. where unemployment is 40 per cent following the collapse of old communist industries. Opel was the first western car

maker to clinch a production deal in eastern Germany. It signed a co-operation agreement with the old Wartburg car plant in the last week of communist rule in March 1990. The plant in Eisenach closed last year with the loss of 10.000 jobs. The new Opel factory there aims to break even by 1995. Its 2,000 workers are organised into production teams with responsibility for quality, plant main-tenance and materials man-

The plant, producing Astra and compact Corsa models, makes a car in about 20 hours. quicker than Japanese plants in Europe and America but still slightly slower than factories in Japan. GM forecast that Japanese producers will raise their European car sales by 50 per cent to 2.4 million a year from 1999, compared with 1991 levels.

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Sweet nothings from Mr Sugar

ndrew Lloyd-Webber, Richard Branson, Asil Nadir and now Alan Sugar. All these misunderstood would-be buyers of shares previously sold to the public thought their companies were wonderful but not appreciated by City investors. Some proved more wonderful than others. They had something else in common. All depended on one man, who did things his way, played his cards close to his chest and did not wish to explain every nuance to his fellow shareholders, let alone unimaginative analysts. Investors should have had faith and if they did not, that was their problem.

How serious Mr Sugar is about making a bid for the two thirds of Amstrad he does not own cannot be judged unless and until he finds the finance he has been seeking, perhaps setting off recent City wine-bar speculation, and makes a formal bid. The City lost faith after he sold a slice of his stake in March last year at 79p. Amstrad shares finished 1991 at about a

year at 79p. Amstrad shares finished 1991 at about a third of that level. The company is now expected to report a loss of about £75 million in a fortnight's time. According to the company, Mr Sugar is considering a bid of 30p per share, near the average market price this year, which has been as heavily depressed by loss of faith in the enthusiastic saviour of Tottenham Hotspur as by the trading difficuties brought by recession and the cut-throat competition in personal computers. That led Amstrad to prote out in personal computers. That led Amstrad to write off large quantities of stock, leaving it with cash equivalent to most of its stock market value but an otherwise uncertain future. One message may be that Mr Sugar aims to make as astute a deal now as he did last year. Outside shareholders are likely to ignore such a message or a bid at such a level. Many in the City reckon Amstrad should go private since Mr Sugar's trading abilities cannot be valued by conventional tests and it is unclear what he is trying to achieve for should be a characteristic or the state of to achieve for shareholders. As director of a public company, his duty is to earn shareholders a higher share price, not to make easy gestures.

On your marks

Schemes for a mini-currency union among some continental countries are becoming as common as gurus. Some ingenious lateral thinking must be going on if Karl Otto Pöhl, the long-standing former Bundesbank president, envisages his former domain being quickly abolished in favour of a joint — though surely not European — central bank. There are plenty of precedents for fixing currencies, if political face is not paramount. Hong Kong tied its currency to the American dollar, its biggest trading currency, and has stuck to this at the cost of many, sometimes uncomfortable, internal adjustments to big brother — most recently living with unwanted high inflation. Belgium and Luxembourg have a single currency, effectively run by the Belgians, in a union of the kind unwound by the Irish Republic when it joined the ERM ahead of Britain, and more recently by most of the countries emerging from the former Soviet Union.

Of more immediate interest are the Belgian and Austrian models. The schilling is firmly fixed to the mark, rather as if it had reached stage three of EMU. with its nominally independent central bank essentially taking orders from the head office in

Belgium has unofficially and unilaterally kept to a fluctuation margin of about 0.5 per cent against the mark, a strategy theoretivally vulnerable to speculation but which has so far survived most of the ERM's current test to destruction. Surely neither model would be politically acceptable to France. Perhaps the first step in Herr Pohl's plan would be for the Bundesbank to invite its neighbours to be represented on its ruling council.

BAe offloads regional jets in hope of becoming light enough to fly

George Sivell and

Michael Tate trace how British Aerospace came to set aside £750 million

for the restructuring

of its business

ohn Cahill, the chairman of British Aerospace, arrived at his desk for the first time on May I of this year knowing the regional jets business faced problems. "But I did not know when I came in it was as big as this" he said yesterday. after disclosing a provision of £750 million to staunch the losses from regional aircraft business and stop the division eating up the group's

valuable defence profits.

Mr Cahill said that British Aerospace was aware of a problem with regional aircraft "but I do not think

they knew how big it was because it was jumbled up with Airbus".

For every pound that defence made, Mr Cahill said that regional aircraft were mopping up no less than 96p. "We clearly could not allow

this to go on. Defence is the core of British Aerospace," he said.

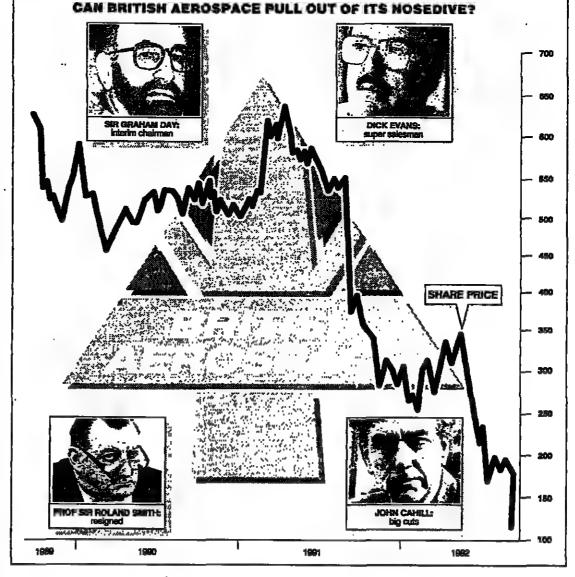
When first approached about the British Aerospace job, Mr Cahill spent five hours boning up on the company over cuttings from an American press agency in prepara-tion for a working breakfast with Dick Evans, the British Aerospace chief executive. He spoke to two of the City's legion of analysts who follow

BAe and bought shares at 357p.
On yesterday's 86p plunge to
113p, Mr Cahill said he was going to
buy more to average out his purchase cost! Indeed, he spoke of a "positive fall out". Stripped of regional aircraft the rest of BAe should generate cash

But the chairman and Richard apthorne, the new finance director, they have merely speeded up British Aerospace along a flight path which had already been selected. Mr Cahill cited "the first law of inertia: nothing happens until someone does something". But because the £750 million restructuring cost will wipe out the company's reserves he is anxious to speed up the cuts to restore the balance sheet. He said: "We are trying to find a flypaper for the money going through the company to make it stick."

Mr Cahill took over the reins after one of the most turbulent periods in BAE's history. A year ago, Sir Roland Smith, the former chairman, paid the price of delivering a nasty surprise to the City and was forced to resign. The surprise came in the shape of a rights issue to shore up a badly holed were expecting a confident interim statement showing that the group was on course for full-year profits of £300 million. Instead, the rights issue announcement made it clear that losses might be well over £100 million at the year end.

The funding raised many doubts about the company, its financial controls, its underlying trading position and the quality of its most senior



management. At least one possible explanation for what went wrong in the weeks leading up to the rights issue was that trading had deteriorated sharply and the company was urgently in need of cash. Some analysts were convinced the company downgraded its own profit expectations substantially just days before the rights issue was announced.

Another fear in the City was that the board was sharply divided over the future direction of the company. There were reports of approaches to Trafalgar House and other com-panies with the support of some poard members but with stiff opposition from others.

Despite a heroic effort by the board, minus Professor Smith, to save this issue, it was cold shouldered by the City. BAe got its cash thanks to the underwriters, but its image had never been worse.

chief Sir Graham Day, investors became even more critical of BAe. It became clear that finances had become appallingly stretched. Almost every operation was being badly hit by recession. Rover, operating in an increasingly tough market ran into losses despite a new policy of targeting profit rather than market share. The Arlington property division, the most widely criticised purchase dur-

ing Professor Smith's reign, was also having problems. The small profits from corporate jets were dwarfed by losses on the regional jets. Airbus is a long term strategy and movong out of losses only slowly. The jewel in the BAe crown was its original defence activities now targeted as the heart of the business for the future.

After a great deal of weighing up alternatives, Mr Cahill has devised his own blueprint for the future. Only one detail of BAe's original intentions has changed. The company will hang on to the corporate jet business that was previously up for sale. "It is not true we could not sell it. We could have got a good price for it," he said.

long with Airbus and the interests, the BAe 125 executive jet will be at the core of ever been worse.

British Aerospace in five years time
During the search for a man to under Mr Cahill's vision. Surprisingfrom BTR as an out-and-out cost cutter, Arlington property and Rover cars could still be there too. The immediate plan is to extract value from Arlington for two or three years, when there should be the option of floating it on the stockmarket.. Similarly, Rover forms part of the

proup's intermediate future. Mr Cahill believes "Rover will come back sharply when the market turns". In

the jobs and stuff the exports." He is aware of the impact of shutting completely the regional aircraft business. It makes the BAe 146 jet and employs 7,000. British Aero

to have shut regional aircraft down

lock, stock and barrel, and to have

saved our cash and not paid a dividend." We could have said stuff

space estimates that a further 20,000 jobs at suppliers could have gone if the business had been closed. But it the joint venture collapses those jubs could still go.

The chilling possibility of a shut-down has been provided for in the

£750 million set aside. Mr Cahill explained: "£750 million assumes the worst case. If the joint venture did not happen we would have to go on to another solution which would really have to be closure." Taiwan, however, should find the

joint venture useful. It will assemble one third of the planes planned to be built, plus any surplus. Hopes are high of orders from Asia. Mr Cahill said: "We have a very strong impression that the Peoples Republic of China does not object — we did talk to

It would be a pity if the BAe 146 was lost forever. It started life as the the old BAC 1-11 off the production lines when the British Aircraft Corporation was formed in the late seventies as a result of the nationalisation

lthough British Aeruspace was plainly in rationalisation mode yesterday it is keen on going-it-alone with the European Fighter Aircraft if the Germans finally pull out, "We need to defend ourselves," Mr Evans said. "Like death and taxes, defence will always be with us."

The company believes EFA will work because if the European partners pull out now they will have still donated huge costs to the project. With the plane close to flying most of the costs are in the past. Similarly BAe remains optimistic.

not secretive, about the Al Yamamah contracts with Saudi Arabia. Yesterday, the company merely said it "was perfectly happy with the way discussions continue.

Though John Cahill and his most senior colleagues have honed a strategy for the future in a remarkably short time, its first outing before the analysts and professional investors of the City has not been a success The dramatic fall in the group's

shares yesterday was triggered by the sheer scale of the problems at regional aircraft amd the severity of the measures needed to tackle them. The clear implication is that other finacial horrors may lurk within what has always been an extremely complex company for investors to understand.

undoubtedly prepared to make the effort to untangle the significance of vesterday's announcements. Lord Weinstock has already expressed willingness to be part of a solution. Today, he must be even more willing. With the whole of BAe worth little more than £400 million, he may now be able to buy a prime slice of Britain's defence industry for

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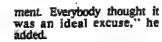
UBS drops Random action

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UBS Phillips & Drew has dropped its legal action against Random Century, the publisher of Terry Smith's book. Accounting for Growth. but not against Smith himself. According to sources within the company, UBS feels it has no quarrel with the publisher since it co-operated fully with UBS's request that its name be removed from the cover. As far as Smith is concerned, however. UBS is adamant that it does still have a case, in terms of breach of contract, breach of copyright and passing off. Smith, while stopping short of accusing his former employer of harbouring a personal ven-detta against him, nevertheless says: "It's very odd. 1 would say that in terms of breach of copyright and passing off, they have the same course of action open to them. against both me and the publisher." The on-going bat-tle between Smith and UBS should give him plenty to talk about at a one-day conference, on October 29, chaired by Gillian O'Connor, Investor's Chronicle editor, and organised by Westminster Management Consultants. Delegates are being asked to pay a fee of up to £311 — "I'm not being paid anything." says Smith, now technically unemployed - and the conference is entitled "Accounting for Growth: Beyond the Book."

Into leathers

ALTHOUGH this week's one says. "No, we haven't put it up percentage point base rate cut has improved corporate senti-



Owen's challenge THE high-profile adventures

of Robert Owen, a Japanese equity salesman, have clearly done his job prospects no harm. Owen, 27, returned from a Scott-style trip across the Arctic island of Svalbard in January last year with frost-bitten toes. Now, after resigning from Wako Securities, a Japenese firm, last week so that he can accept a job offer from Schroders, he has hatched up a plan to use the interim leisure time by climbing Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, at 24,000 ft the ment and brought forth a flurry of applications from eager exhibitors, the Company Inighest mountain outside Asia. Owen's 22-day expedivestor Show, at the Barbican tion, due to start in ten days on October 29, sponsored by and paid for by his own sav-Singer & Friedlander, still has ings, has the full blessing of a number of vacancies. "The his new employer. So much so companies exhibit and profesthat Michael Law, his new sional investors attend," Mark boss, has agreed that Cramsie, head of corporate fi-Schroders will match-fund nance at Singer & Friedmoney raised by Owen for lander, explains. "We did one in February and it was such a Care, the charity at present attempting to feed 1.5 million success we decided to do it people in Somalia. Owen's inagain before the end of the tended method of raising funds is for companies to sup-ply him with their products or year, but from now on we will Cutbacks caused by the receslogos, so that they can be phosion have forced some of Febtographed atop the mountain, mary's exhibitors to refrain in return for a generous donafrom attending and Cramsie tion. "I am being accompaadds that some of their excuses nied by a professional agency photographer. Jeremy have proved highly entertaining. "The best excuse by far Beasley, and my only hope is that the things people want us was a letter from one company saying it could not attend to photograph are reasonably carriable," says Owen, who is because the date clashed with

The problem with all these marvellous schemes is finding due to start at Schroders on

Business rate and hardship relief

Spreading the misery is no answer at Lloyd's

From Mr Alan Skelton Sir, I wonder how many of your readers who own small businesses are aware that in cases of hardship it may be possible to gain relief from the burden of uniform business

As a director of a small business about to become a casualty of the recession, we have been advised by our auditors that under "Section 49, Local Government and Fi-nance Act 1988 — Hardship" we are able to claim relief from UBR if we can show our losses lead to hardship. Although we requested relief from our local council, Lambeth, in January, April and June, they did not bring to our attention the reliefs available. After discussion with a Lambeth council officer, it appears they do not

From Mr Nicolas Mellersh

Sir, Your headline "Lloyd's

near to creating aid scheme

for names" (Business Times,

September 15) was really rath-

er misleading. As the opening sentence of Jonathan Prynn's

story made clear, all that is

happening is that a structure

may be created to look at ways

of providing relief for hard-hit

names — a very different

As a name with losses

approaching six figures, I

didn't know whether to laugh

Are my losses so (relatively) small that I shall be called

upon to bail out those who

have lost more than me, or do

I qualify for a handout myself?

If the latter, who is going to

someone who is going to

CAROL LEONARD provide the money, and whichever way you look, the

or cry at this prospect.

make public their ability to grant relief so that they do not have to give local authority money away. However, 75 per cent of this relief is provided by central government and so it seems a small price to pay for the saving in jobs and in the misery caused.

Although it is probably too late for this company to benefit, I suggest that all small businesses suffering hardship make applications to their local authorities for assistance.

Hopefully, this letter may help at least some companies survive this dreadful recession and live to fight another day. Yours faithfully, ALAN SKELTON (Managing Director).

Soapy Joes, West Dulwich, SE21.

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other names. Equal misery for

winning slogan.

so-called action groups.

I have every confidence that

the forthcoming series of legal

actions by Lloyd's own version

of the militant tendency will be

resoundingly defeated, after

which perhaps the market can

be allowed to get on with its

job of profitable underwriting.

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Yours faithfully, NICOLAS MELLERSH,

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the longer term it could easily be sold. At the moment BAe believes the car

market has only one way to go - up.

Mr Cahill is determined BAe would

not be seen as a forced seller of any of

its assets. In any event, Rover cannot be sold until August 1993 because of

government restrictions imposed at

the time BAe took it over in 1988, in

what was seen as a controversially

Yesterday's upheaval means the

end of aircraft manufacture at Hat-

field in Hertfordshire, home of such

landmark developments in the aero-

space world as the de Havilland, Mosquito, the Comet and the Tri-

dent. But it could also bring a boost to

Scotland, British Aerospace is apply-

ing for a grant to transfer production

of its advanced turbo prop aircraft

(ATP) to Prestwick which could result

in an increase of jobs there from

2,500 to more than 3,000. Fittingly,

the ATP is used solely in Scotland -

socially vital routes in the Highlands and Islands. The ATP is claimed to

run at a profit even if only one fifth of

Mr Cahill took great pains yester-

day, however, to emphasise how

difficult the decisions had been to put

the regional aircraft business into a

joint venture, make the huge provi-

sion, and yet still pay a dividend. "It

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Sir, Thank goodness Lamont and Major were forced to come to their senses and were made to realise that a "growing" British industry is vastly more important, and feasible, than zero inflation. imported goods will now

From Mr Michael J. Barrett

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become more expensive and lead to the regeneration of British manufacturing, not massive inflation as the government feared. Lower interest rates will

increase both consumer and business confidence, and this matters to most people much more than low inflation. If I. a communication analyst. found the government's economic policy totally incomprehensible, what chance the man on Finchley high street?

Despite being a staunch

Paying twice for foreign currency

all has never been a vote-From S. A. Ettinger Sir. If my bank manager should enter my gallery to buy a painting and then, having The proposal as described also holds out the worrying agreed a price I added a prospect of Lloyd's itself giving some form of credibility to the commission charge, he would self-appointed leaders of these be taken aback.

Yet this is precisely what the banks do to me when I buy foreign currency.

It is noticeable that they do not show this hidden charge on their displays in the branches.

able profit by buying currency at one level and selling it at a higher rate, is it justifiable to charge a commission in addition? Office of Fair Trading please take note. Yours faithfully, S. A. ETTINGER,

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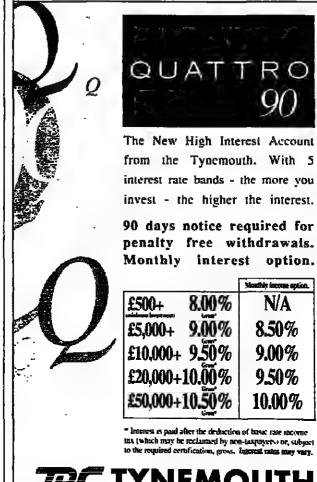
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Beam and gloom

From Mrs Pauline Graham

Sir. Could we please have suitably sombre photographs of chief executive officers who announce lower profits? The juxtaposition of beaming chief executives and slumped profits is incongruous — and most irritating to shareholders. Yours faithfully.

P. GRAHAM. 6 Beacon Hill, N7.



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Gibbs Mew fights off bid from **Brierley**

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GIBBS Mew, the small brewer quoted on the USM, appears to have seen off an attempt by Brierley Invest-ments (BIL), a hostile bidder, to split the controlling interest in the company held by the Gibbs family and directors.

BIL, when it launched its 200p-a-share bid in August, appealed to family members to act in the interests of all shareholders by accepting new ownership and management of the company. BIL has a 19.7 per cent stake and is the largest single shareholder.

However, in the first de-fence document from Gibbs Mew, the company, which is based in Salisbury, Wiltshire, claimed that family and director-shareholders representing 55.5 per cent of the ordinary capital intended to reject the offer. In total, the Gibbs family and board own 58 per cent of the company.

BIL reacted angrily to what it described as a fait accompli that ignored the interests of independent shareholders.

BÎL's Trevor Beyer said: "This makes a mockery of the public-company status of Gibbs Mew. If the Gibbs family wanted to run the company in this way, why did they bring the company to the USM in the first place?"

Gibbs also took the opportunity yesterday to respond to me of the accusations made by BIL about Gibbs's weak market positions and management by announcing the acquisition of a drinks wholesaler and the appointment of a new managing director.

Gibbs is to pay up to £2.87 million for UK D, which distributes beers, clders, wines, spirits and soft drinks in Greater London, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. John Hedderson, UK D's Joint managing director, will be appointed group managing director of Gibbs Mew on completion of the deal.

UK D made pre-tax profits of £371,000 in the year to end-March. Taxable profits for the six months to end-September are warranted at not less than £450.000.

Electricity supply firms urged to end French connection

By Patricia Tehan

when the suppliers' three-year contracts with EDF, the

French electricity supplier.

stood to be keen for the regional suppliers to end their French contracts. London Electricity and Seeboard are

particularly heavy users of French electricity, supplied

over a link operated by the

National Grid Company. This year, the French are

supplying more than 16 terawatt hours of nuclear-

generated electricity to cus-

tomers in England and Wales.

That is equivalent to the

output from two large power

ucts from the EC, as had

originally been feared. Com-

munity exports of steel prod-

ucts to America are about 6.5

million tons annually, valued at \$2.5 billion. "It's a real possibility," said one EC source. "This has come at a

very awkward time for us."

The International Trade

Commission in Washington,

which investigates complaints

from domestic steel producers,

normally replies in 45 days. As 12 US steel makers had sent

until Brussels replies to a

questionnaire on EC subsi-

dies, which the ITC demand-

ed by October 5.

US ready to widen

tariffs on EC steel

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

The government is under-

come to an end.

expected to take and the price THE regional electricity supthey would pay. Some are also ply companies are under presunderstood to be under pressure to end their contracts with sure to dismantle fixed-price French power suppliers and to take dearer power from UK contracts with Nuclear Electric, the state-owned nuclear coal-fired power stations ingenerator, which still have stead, so that a new five-year deal between British Coal and four years to run. The new contracts are due to the two main power generacome into force next April, tors can be signed.

The government's privatisation plans for British Coal are being held up by a delay in the signing of new coal contracts with National Power and PowerGen. The deal depends on agreement from the 12 regional supply companies and privatisation cannot go ahead until the contracts are

Heads of agreement were due to be signed last week, but divisions between the parties have grown and observers say the signing could now be weeks away rather than days. The supply companies dis-pute the volume of coal-gener-

ated power they would be

EUROPEAN Commission

sources say Washington is preparing to widen its new import duties on EC steel

products. Such moves reflect a

steady decline into protection-

ism in the steel trade, with the EC itself considering tighter controls on eastern Europe.

Washington warned in July

that it was considering duties

of as much as 150 per cent on

EC steel products, which it

claims are unfairly subsidised.

Since then the US department

of trade has imposed duties on

imports of lead and bismuth

steel bars from Britain, France

Commission sources say

now, however, that Washing-

ton is on the point of slapping tariffs on all plate steel prod-

and Germany.

stations, or about 6 per cent of the UK electricity market. Sources close to the trade department rejected the complaint that pressure was being put on the regional companies not to do a deal with the

Yesterday, David Porter, chief executive of the Association of Independent Energy Producers, gave warning that the coal deal could make it difficult for small energy pro-

ducers to compete.
"We are wary of any deal which is not entirely transparent," he said. "If such a deal gave particular advantage to the two large generators, if the government persuaded Brit-ish Coal to sell coal to National Power and PowerGen at spe-cial rates, it might enable them to bid down prices in the electricity pool."

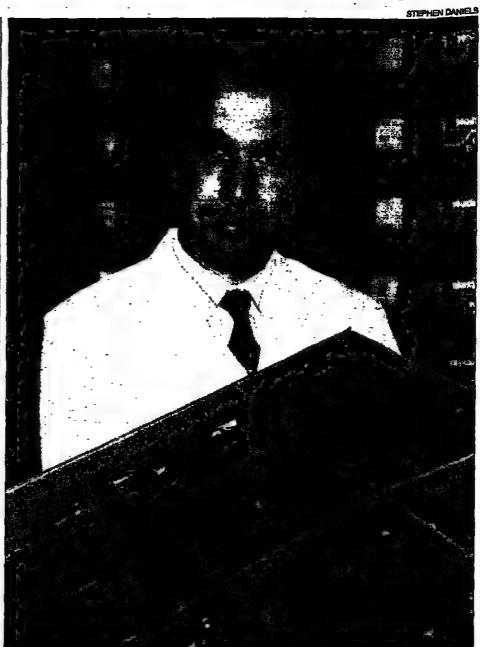
That would have short-term advantages for consumers but in the longer term, the regional companies would have fewgenerators to turn to.

Earlier this week, Malcolm Edwards, former commercial director at British Coal, gave warning that unless pressures on the British coal industry were relieved, it would not survive beyond the year 2000. At a meeting of the Coalfield Communities Campaign in Doncaster on Tuesday, he said it was wrong to argue that British mines could not compete with cheap foreign

One supply company man-ager said there was pressure on all companies with contracts for non-coal power that were close to ending, and on those with contracts with Nuclear Electric.

He said: "If the intention is to secure volumes for British Coal, you would expect certain supply companies to be under pressure not to take contracts which would damage that."
Norweb and Northern Elec-

complaints by early July, a verdict is already overdue. Commission officials say they hope the ITC may hold off tricity are believed to be under most pressure, as they are Nuclear Electric's biggest Nuclear Electric's



Wilting prices: David Sugden of Geest, which made £15.4m at half time

Geest shares slip on warning

BY JON ASHWORTH

SHARES in Geest, Britain's for the full year may not match 1991. The shares fell biggest importer of bananas, took a tumble yesterday on a

warning that "exceptionally weak" produce prices are biting into profits.

The food group, announc-ing pre-tax profits of £15.4 million £15.1 million) for the six months to June 27, said low produce prices in the. third quarter were affecting operations. Produce trading

results for July and August

were significantly below 1991

levels, and, if present market

conditions continue, earnings

27p to 303p.

David Sugden, chief executive, said: "While our fresh produce businesses have performed well against competition in the first half, the worsening trading conditions in July and August have now in-evitably affected us too. However, our strong market share and sound cash position will provide good support for the rest of this year and ensure we move forward as soon as trading conditions permit."

Trading profits from sales of bananas, other fruit, vegetables, flowers and salad pro-duce remained flat at £11.4 million, reflecting "unusually depressed" trading condi-tions in Britain. However, trading profits in the food preparations division, including pasta, pizza, speciality breads and prepared salads, rose 15 per cent to £3.7

Earnings per share were 15.3p (15.1p). There is an interim dividend of 3.7p (3.6p) a share.

Peking to establish securities houses

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

CHINA has announced plans for three huge securities houses, formed by state-owned banks, to control the country's stock and bond markets and restore flagging investor confidence.

Xinhua news agency quoted central bank officials as saying the move would "foster and perfect a unified market in bonds and securities and saleguard stability in the markets".

Other state media made clear the securities houses would act to control prices and prevent wild market swings. They will be based in Pe-

king. Shanghai and Shenzhen — covering the whole country—with paid-up capital of 1 billion yuan (£104 million) each. The move seems aimed at

helping central government exert control over China's two bourses in Shanghai and Shenzhen, where share prices

have roughly halved since a bull run in May.

Riots in Shenzhen last month, sparked by allegations of corruption over a bungled scheme to issue new shares, sent shivers through the mar-kets and highlighted the dangerous inexperience of local officials.

With a crucial communist party congress due to open on October 12, Deng Xiaoping, senior leader, and his reformist allies are anxious to ensure that China's boldest experiment with capitalist-style change is a success.

The bond market is also in the doldrums, partly because funds have been sucked into stocks and the property market

The Chinese People's Daily stated the "market-style" securities companies would be financially and administra-tively independent and would be set up soon, having been approved by the People's Bank of China, the central bank. They would buy and sell securities and engage in company research. Later, they would enter international securities markets. The report did not give details.

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Working for a better first-time exam pass rate

By PHILARMITAGE

OU have probably heard the sory about the pay negotiator nembers to be paid less than ne average. His was clearly an bsurd expectation, but would ou expect to be treated by a elow average surgeon? What bout the accountants?

Last Saturday saw the publiation in The Times of results or another 4,063 students, 14 er cent fewer than a year arlier. Many would sense mormous relief. Others were lisappointed, perhaps not for he first time. Examinations for chartered accountants have established a reputation

for being tough.

Failure rates in a session can be up to 40 per cent. In July, they were 1.4 points up on a year ago at 33.3 per cent but lower than in December. The true picture is much brighter than the figures suggest. Some believe a high test fail-

ure rate shows the high standard of those who pass. Let a seed merchant tell you that and you would soon see the fallacy. A good recruitment, training and assessment system should aim for total success, accepting that the time, effort and ability needed to succeed will be greater - even too great — for some. Conversely, a system that sets out to pass or fail a set proportion of entrants deserves neither educational credibility nor the

support of employers. The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales admitted 4,231 new members in 1991. That was about two-thirds the number of students who started their training three or four years earlier. A. 33 per cent failure rate is clearly better than 40 per cent, but still not good.

The largest number of

"drop-outs" occurs in the first year of training, before most students sit the first Institute professional examination (PE1). Poor recruitment decisions account for many of these. Of the rest, more than 80 per cent go on to pass PE1. and of these, over 90 per cent go on to pass PE2 and qualify for membership, not necessarily at the first attempt.

These "eventual success" rates are high, and stand favourable comparison with most graduate and manage-ment training schemes, which have no formal exams. The PE2 exams are demanding, particularly on top of a fulltime job, though the ICAEW provides part-time training contracts, in the main to help young mothers.

Continuing improvements to keep syllabuses up-to-date and relevant to future needs oblige students and tutors to be technically and professionally competent. Gone are the days of rote-learning: the open-book system of examinations now challenges, more directly, candidates practical, analytical and critical skills. Six out of ten students now hold good honours degrees,

so they do not lack intellect. Lack of preparedness for the first attempt lets many down, rather than a "hard" exam. Indeed, each professional examination is set to a consistent standard from session to session and the great majority meet that standard. But professional exam do differ from academic ones, and students must be prepared for that.

The challenge the ICAEW, trainers, and students have taken up is to work towards a better first-time pass rate. That way, not only will the results contain fewer disappoint-ments, but we might finally dispel a few cherished myths, for instance, that pass rates are, or should be, "fixed" in advance. Or that, however they are determined, pass rates alone can ever be a sound

measure of standards. The author is Director of Education and Training, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales



Double entrée: Sir Brian Jenkins, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand and an ICAEW member, was wearing his hat as Lord Mayor of London when he opened Prue Leith's restaurant and wine bar within the Institute's Moorgate Place fastness yesterday

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rushing to the rescue

ONE of the speedier corporate rescues this year has been achieved by the tiny London firm of Blick Rothenberg. better known for tax advice than corporate finance ... until now, that is. The firm was quick on the draw when Berkertex, the fashion group, went into receivership this month, taking with it Fifth Avenue, a supplier to Little-woods, Etam and other ciothing chains. Blick lined up fi-

nance and secured a manage-

ment buyout in four working Playing the game days - a record, it is thought, for a deal of this complexity. AMID the hoo-hah surround-

ing David Gower's wedding, Colin Sharman, KPMG Pear Irish opener Marwick's senior regional There seems to be no stopping ACCA in its drive for global partner, has been doing his bit to help cricket. Sharman was expansion for certified accounseen rubbing shoulders with tants. While rapidly making inroads in China, ACCA has Graham Gooch, the England captain and Essex County become the first UK accouncricketer, and more than 100 tancy body to open a permanent office in Brussels. And cricket fans at the Brewery. that legendary City dining and drinking establishment, at a fund-raising dinner for who was chosen to open the office on this great British occasion? Padraic MacKernan, Derek Pringle's Benefit year. the Irish Republic's ambassa-

JON ASHWORTH

When the world is no longer your lobster

PITY the poor newly qualified chartered accountant. Times, we are told, have changed. Once, passing final exams presaged a period of glorious energy in all directions. After three years of stumping around far-flung industrial estates or being stuck for months in a long-lost invoicing department of some sprawling multinational, freedom, or to be more precise, a huge pay increase, arrived.

Like a chancellor breaking out of an exchange-rate system, there would be a heady feeling of at last being free of the disciplines of examinations and the warnings of staff partners, and of being able to formulate an independent career policy.

Cash could be spent on a fancy car, a year abroad could be considered, a swift dive into industry could be planned. The world, as Arthur Daley once pointed out, was your lobster. Not so any more. All those poor bedraggled souls standing

on a railway station concourse late last Friday waiting for the first editions of the newspapers containing the results to arrive are facing a very different world. The statistically minded among them could have gleaned a clue from the pass rates. Across the last two years, the pass rate for those taking the exam for the first time has fallen by almost ten per cent. That has prompted much cynical mirth. The institute, it s assumed, knows that the market, in the midst of the worst recession the profession has known, requires fewer qualified accountants. and so has chopped the rate back to what it sees as a

sensible level. Not so, says the institute. It points the finger at tougher working conditions. The fat days at the large firms enabled students to devote more time to their studies. or to be more accurate, more time to relaxation. Then the mental stamina required for a crash course was there to be tapped.

Now, the institute argues, the firms have cut staff and are managing their own businesses in a similar fashion to their clients.

Students are working long and arduous hours under considerable pressure for months at a time. The ability to raise one's game when the exam season comes around is much harder to sustain. The extra edge which means success now comes from the extent of the training programme the firm provides rather than that of the tutors. Once through the exams, the old days of choosing a career path and hoping that some day the nod will come that partners think you are the "right"

material have also gone. These days, the talk in the large firms is not where the glittering career is going to blossom. It is more to do with whether you will be clearing your desk

The big firms have said that they have all now come through the period of what politically correct Americans would describe as "negative employee retention". But they have come to this experience late. None of them can believe that they will have to reduce staff numbers further, but economic curcumstances have a habit of creeping up unannounced.

It is also the best time to do it. Traditionally, the point at which a firm has a flood of newly-qualified accountants in its rank is a time of talk and of career planning. This time it is likely that the firms will be weeding out. In the past, this tended to be done for them. with industry and business picking off those

who appeared to be the best. It is only five years or so ago when the firms were losing so business that they were upping student numbers to ludicrous levels in the hope that at least some of them would stay on at the end of the exam cycle. For those who have qualified this time, the world will not have changed overnight. The extent of their working career within the firms has coincided with three years of unprecedented recession and resulting upheaval. They will know and understand only too well the collision of the culture of expansionism and of the individual with which they started their career and

the culture of pragmatic retrenchment in which they are now trying to survive. Finding a way out of this chaotic and cynical mess will be difficult. One starting

point might be a book due to be published next month. On the Way Up, written by Simon Carne of the consultants, Putnam, Hayes & Bartlett, suggests managing a career from within rather than above the working environment. Carne reckons that "managing one's boss"

is more useful now than wearing a bow tie and shouting at subordinates. "For many people on the way up it is the first relationship that they have to get right, the says. Getting it right was not necessarily a high priority for newly qualified accountants in the past. That too has changed.

The author is the Associate Editor of Accountancy Age.

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BBC regains ground in its battle for TV rights

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

grip loosened on the rugby union market over the past two years, will start its attempt to regain ground with its coverage of England's international against Canada next A series of ITV raids has

provided the independent net-work with substantial ammunition when the domestic rugby contract comes up for renewal in 1994. As well as its successful bids for the 1991 and 1995 World Cups. ITV has gathered all the summer tours this year, next year's British Isles visit to New Zealand and substantial rights to screen South African rugby. That includes the visit next month to France although, when South Africa arrive in England in November, they come under the BBC

The BBC coverage of the England-Canada match will not be in direct contest with ITV's rights to screen the France v South Africa match being played in Lyons on the same day. ITV will wait until October 24 to show highlights of the Lyons match as build-up to extended coverage of the second game between the two countries in Paris.

Thereafter the BBC weighs heavily into an area from which ITV is barred by the existing four home unions contract. The game between the Midland Division and South Africa on November 4 will go out live, with highlights in the evening; England B v South Africa on November 7 will enjoy highlights in Grandstand and will be fed into Rugby Special the follow-

ing day.

There is a BBC2 slot for live coverage of the second half of the match against the Northem Division at Elland Road.

THE BBC, which has seen its Leeds on November 10 and the England-South Africa international on November 14 will be transmitted live. Given that the BBC can follow that with Wales' game against Australia on November 21, the Barbarians v Australia game on November 28, and will have shown Ireland-Australia on October 31, Jonathan Martin, its head of sport, can hardly be accused of hyperbole when he says it is "a very nice line-up".

Even so the BBC will hope that the first rugby union international to be played at Wembley will offer a good atmosphere to begin its intensive autumn coverage. It is 13 years since Wembley hosted the sport, an ill-fated 15-a-side tournament, so both the stadium organisers and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) will be curious to see the public response.

So far only 10,000 tickets have been sold (Wembley's capacity is 78,000) but the authorities play down the sig-nificance of that figure, given that the season (and the advertising campaign) has only just Moreover rugby habituees will be aware that. for once, they can turn up on the day and be sure of a ticket. A crowd of between 25,000 and 40,000 is expected.

☐ Bath, whose chairman and ground committee chairman resigned last week, have postponed a decision on long-term replacements. The club's management committee will meet again on October 13, giving itself time to consider its options. Lang Jones, the vicechairman, steps temporarily into the role vacated by Roger Berry. Richard Seaman, the first team secretary, will chair the ground committee after the resignation of John



New ball game for Wembley. Dick Best, the England coach, takes to the turf of the national stadium

Schmidt explains tour withdrawal

ULI Schmidt, the South African hooker, said yesterday that the pressures of his career as a surgeon had been the main factor in his decision to pull out of the tour of France and

England.
"There is a big recession out there and I simply can't afford to go away from my medical practice for nearly two months," the Northern Transvaal player said.
"Had it been a shorter tour,

I would most certainly have

TONY Underwood yesterday

welcomed his brother Rory's

decision to shelve his retire-

ment plans - despite the fact

that it could cost him his own

England place. Rory's retire-

ment, announced last March,

will last only one international

game against Canada.

next month's Wembley

Although his decision could

have a bearing on his broth-

gone. I have a young family, a wife and two small children to support, and I did not feel it was right to go on tour right now. The length of the tour has been the deciding factor, not politics."

Schmidt had been reported as saying: "There is no more pride for me in wearing a Springbok jersey and having to tour countries where I know I'm not welcome ... When I played for the World XV recently, Jeremy Guscott (England's centre-threequarter, who is black) refused to speak

Brother's decision is welcomed

er's selection, Tony said:

"When Rory told me the news

I said it was a great move. I

don't know why he decided to

stand down in the first place.

Of course his decision changes

things for me. I am used to

being behind him, but people

were predicting that I would

take his place on the left wing

and I was hoping that my

form and fitness would attract

Schmidt said yesterday: "Politics played a part in my decision to the extent that I became fed up with the constant political pressure on the

game. As a player, if you are denied the symbols of your country, the flag and the anthem, you are denied your identity - it is just like playing club rugby. It is ridiculous to run on to the field with the Lion Lager song.

"I am an amateur athlete and therefore I play for plea-

the notice of the selectors. I'm

in the squad and I was hopeful

"Now, the two wings who

are selected for the Canada

game will probably be contest-

ing one place when South Africa visit Twickenham in

November. Still, it holds out

the exciting prospect of play-ing in the same international

of some caps.

team as Rory.

hence my decision to quit. I'm not a politician and I don't have any political sympathies. But there should be a limit to the extent sport is being dictated to by politics." Schmidt said that he did not

forced the fun out of the game,

say that Jeremy Guscott had refused to speak to him. "In fact, I quite liked him and we had a nice chat in New Zealand," he said. What I actually said was

that his room-mate, Jaanie Claasen, complained that Guscott was never in his room so he could talk to him.

Claasen said that it was difficult to develop an understanding and a playing pattern with the other centre with whom you don't communicate. This was the reason, he believed, the centres performed badly in the series against New Zealand.

'Hopefully, I'll be at Twickenham to watch the Springboks against England and I will make sure I will see Guscott to explain the misunderstanding.

Ridgeon takes up the baton from Akabusi

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

ION Ridgeon takes over from Kriss Akabusi tomorrow as the first man in for the British athletics team at the World Cup in

It has been the job of Akabusi, in two European Cups and a World Cup. to put points on the board from the opening race, the 400 metres hurdles. Now it is over to Ridgeon, who was recruited to the event by Akabusi, for the start of the three-day meeting.

Akabusi has earned his retirement after two European Cup wins, his third place in the last World Cup in 1989, and medals from all the main championships. Although he will race next season, his last, his intentions are not serious and he has ruled himself out of the world championships next year in Stuttgart.

success in Stuttgart in the men's 400 metres hurdles, it will have to come from Ridgeon. Akabusi has been Ridgeon this week that Ridgeon will be "some-thing special". Seven wins in his first ten races at the distance, all in the last 11 weeks, have encouraged Akabusi to predict that Ridgeon might run under 48,50sec tomorrow.

In Rieti, Italy, two weeks ago, Ridgeon jumped to fourth in the all-time Brit-

ish rankings, with 48.73. Only Akabusi (47.82).



Ridgeon: first up

certainly not the way British

football has been played over

Football is a robust, physical

game, where confrontation cannot be avoided. The rules

of the game allow for fouling

to the extent of awarding free-

kicks and penalties. Violence should be justly penaltised with yellow/red cards, but not in

the over-zealous way referees

How many times have we

witnessed play-acting by play-

ers feigning injury in order to

gain advantage? The paying customer is denied full enter-

tainment value by the petti-

ness of the officials controlling

The more judgmental as-pects of the game should be diminished, for example by

eliminating the offside law,

allowing for a more free-

flowing spectacle, not the irrel-

evant nonsense of the silly

backpass to the goalkeeper

rule which cuts out a lot of

midfield play in favour of the big boot upfield.

It is time that more active

ayers were allowed their say

in the framing of new laws.

39-41 Gray's irm Road, WC1.

Real men and true

Sir. As Mr Kelly surmises

(September 17), the first players for Luton Town FC were "real men." My grandfather, Francis Whitby (1867-1954), and his brother were the first

footballers to appear profes-

by worked in Luton as a hatter

and on Saturday afternoons became a professional foot-

baller by being paid, I think, the princely sum of 2s 6d. (12½p). They were the first professionals in the south of

Britain, in which capacity my grandfather was interviewed on the BBC programme In

Not only was he a "real

man", but also a true Victorian

Town Tonight about 1936.

In the 1880s Francis Whit-

Yours faithfully,

SIMON PALMER.

From Dr P. A. Sabine

sionally for the dub.

interpret the laws today.

the years.

David Hemery (48.12) and Alan Pascoe (48.59) have cleared the ten flights faster. Akabusi has Ridgeon

down to run under 47.30.

half a second quicker than

his British record, by 1996. Such expectation must be tempered with reservations over whether Ridgeon's body can stand the strain. He was Britain's male athlete of the year in 1987, when he won the 110 metres hurdles silver medal at the world championships, but he then suffered serious injuries. "At 20 I was on top of the world. everything going well," he said. "Then it all stopped."

An illness in 1988 reduced him to fifth in the Olympics and operations on both Achilles tendons sidelined him in 1989 and 1990. He spent two winters being treated at the Australian Institute of Sport, because he could not afford

the medical fees in Britain. After two years unable to og, he made his way back. One of the gutsiest athletes I have seen," Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, said of Ridgeon. But, upon his return in 1991, he could not break back into Britain's top six sprint hurdlers. It was suggested the 400 metres hurdles might be his future. "What is the point in taking up a new challenge when you have not beaten

ASCO

your original one?" he said. But a year later, Akabusi ersuaded him. Late in lune, Ridgeon, 25, returned home from the British Olympic trials, having failed to make the team in the 110 metres hurdles, to find a message from Akabusi It advised him to try the 400 metres hurdles. A fortnight later he did and ran 51.30 seconds, faster than Akabusi on his debut. The two are not unlike in character, gregarious and making the sport look fun. We are as pleased to have him back as he is to be here. His competitors tomorrow

SPORTS LETTERS

Swing towards perfection

From Mr John Green

Sir. Mitchell Platts (September 16) makes some interesting points when he compares Nick Faldo with Ben Hogan. Both came into professional golf with swings which failed to produce the degree of

perfection each was seeking. In Hogan's case he had a very strong left-hand grip, a very wide stance and a flat swing. This was probably due to his developing years being spent in a part of America well known for its strong winds. He soon found out that some courses require the ball to be played left to right, and the combination of those three swing features made this almost impossible. He changed his swing accordingly and never looked back.

Faldo was faced with much the same problem and was bold enough to undertake a complete overhaul of his swing. The result is a triumph of guts and sheer determination to attain perfection.

After winning the Open at Carnoustie in 1953 Hogan claimed that he had hit only a handful of shots which he considered to be perfect. Many great golfers have been to opine on what is the secret of golf. The best answer have heard came from Bobby Locks, who said the secret was "how to play badly well." I never knew a greater exponent of this art. Yours faithfully JOHN GREEN, 65 Wood Vale, Muswell Hill, N10.

Threat to future of bloodstock industry

From Mr Graham M. Cotton Sir, Under current United Kingdom VAT legislation. and from January 1, 1993 when the single European market is introduced, bloodstock breeders have to charge 17.5 per cent on sales, whereas in Ireland the figure is 2.7

per cent and in France 5.5. No one with an ounce of commercial sense will see any ustification for continuing to breed and sell in this country. I had always understood one of the main objectives of the single market was to provide a level playing-field where all EC member states could compete on equal terms. It is clear that in this case our government appears determined to ensure that the reverse is true for this industry.

The bloodstock industry cannot be dismissed as insignificant. Over the past ten years it has generated over 600 million in export earnings. The industry employs 10,000 and affects the livelihood of another 10,000 people in this country. Many will have their jobs put at risk.

The richest of our breeders will move their operations to France or Ireland. Many others will close down their busi-nesses. The people who will really suffer are the grooms, managers, farriers, lorry driv ers, feed merchants and their employees, farm workers, saddlers and many others in rural communities who derive some or all of their livelihood from the bloodstock industry.

As a small supplier of equine healthcare products to the bloodstock industry. I have to declare an interest, but my worries are not limited to

Sir, David Gower has lately

featured with great frequency

in all branches of the media concerning his omission from the Indian tour, the early

release of his autobiography

and his wedding. The estima-ble and charming Gower nat-

urally attracts favourable comment but a hard look at

Few people seem to have uestioned who should have

been left out of the tour party if

Gower had been selected. If it

was Gatting or Gower, their

batting performances over the

ast seven years (1985-92) are

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(I have not seen it suggested that Robin Smith should not

go to India despite his low

aggregate of 950 runs, average 38.00, this year.)

Nor is the suggestion that England should not have se-lected Gatting, Emburey or Jarvis valid. It was the ICC

(particularly Australia, New

Zealand and West Indies) who

sought to reduce the period of

the Test ban. As the selectors

had nothing to do with ar-

ranging the reprieve, it would

have been quite wrong not to

have allowed those cricketers

Can you imagine the

to be available for selection.

some facts seems timely.

Gower's fate

From Mr L. H. Mills

They are derived from a

passionate commitment to the equine world and to the breeding and racing industries in particular. Britain has an unsurpassed reputation in these areas and a wealth of knowledge and skills unmatched anywhere in the world.

I fear that if the government cannot see reason and adjust the VAT rate, as it has the power to do under the Treaty of Rome, the bloodstock industry will quickly decline and with it the racing industry. In the not-too-distant future, both industries, which have anyway suffered badly in the recession, could cease to exist as we know

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM M. COTTON, Bay Tree Cottage, The Street,

pool and Arsenal, after the

completion of the jail sen-

tences by Jan Molby and Tony

Adams, refusing to select them for, say, another six months

because it was felt the judges

Larchmont, Nyetimber Copse,

Sir, After so much adverse

publicity, the Test and County Cricket Board and the BBC

are in need of a face-saving

exercise. I suggest that David

Gower be sent to India to join

the team of commentators for the one-day matches and to be available for seletion for the

JENNIFER M. GORDON

Pulborough, West Sussex.

From Mrs J. M. Gordon

had been too lenient?

Yours faithfully.

West Chiltington,

L. H. MILLS.

From Mr Simon Palmer Sir. The last two football

effectively.

This might suit those officials who believe in the continental style, which displays more style and better ball control, albeit at a less frenetic pace. It is arguable whether it is more entertaining, but it is

From Mr William Knight Sir. If the selection of bowlers for England's winter tour had been decided on potential match-winners and the final 1992 season bowling averages, they would have comprised the following players in order of their final average: Millns. Davis, Mallender. Bicknell, Newport, McCague, Radford and, the highest wicket-taker among all these,

My qualification for match-winner is a player who has taken live wickets in Walsh.

A poor show

8 Little Warren Close,

Test matches.

Yours faithfully

who were unaware of this

dicability. Yours faithfully, SERENA GOSLING, Little Barrington Hall,

more exciting. The reason was that there were not human machines competing but really courageous athletes, who have had to overcome a

Bishop's Stortford,

Britain ready for Cup

TENNIS

might not agree.

By Andrew Longmore TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE Great Britain Davis Cu team is being shadowed b five armed guards as it propares for the world grou qualifying tie, which begin tomorrow in Delhi. But some ing temperatures and a lack match play might prove bil ger distractions to the Britis squad, which needs to win stay among the top 16 nations for next year's tournament.

The team arrived in Delha week ago and has beh acclimatising to the intere heat, with temperatures will over 100F in the middle of the day, and to the pace at bounce of the local gras courts. The team doctor has been kept busy, dealing maily with stomach problems. bit Tony Pickard, the Great Baain captain, sounded typicaly optimistic on the eve of the draw, which will be made h the prime minister's resident

"The team seems to be great shape." Pickard sail. "We have been practising o good courts and everything has been going well. The man problem is the heat, but we have been here long enough) acclimatise now, so, hopefull

that won't affect us too much The Indian governmen which is nervous about es tremist reaction to the Britis government's signing of t recent anti-terrorist extradi tion treaty, has given the tead full protection. "We have five people who look after us." a

Pickard put it. The British No. 1, Jerem Bates, has recovered from stomach bug and, though he has not played for nearly two months and only recently returned from his honeymoon feels he is playing close to his best. "The courts are very good, flat and even. I am feeling happy with the way I'm playing and I have a good Davis Cup record." Bates said yesterday. Nell Broad will partner Bates in the pivotal: doubles on Saturday, with the second singles place going to Mark Petchey, Chris Wilkinson or, concervably, the grasscourt specialist. Chris Bailey.

who was originally nominated:

as travelling reserve.

What gets your heart going, but isn't in the sports section?

Find out next Monday.

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Confrontation unavoidable

seasons have shown a marked change in the standard of football, as now apparent in the Premier League at any It seems evident that refer-

ees have been instructed to apply laws more rigorously in an attempt no doubt to eradicate the worst excesses of physical confrontation. The result is a proliferation of yellow cards, with stern rebukes from officials, leaving the penalised players much more tentative in their play and less inclined to tackle

Match-winners

Salisbury.

an innings on more than three occasions. Salisbury and Millns both achieved this on six occasions, surpassed only by the overseas players, Wasim Akram and Courtney

WILLIAM KNIGHT. 82 Lansdowne Road, W11.

From Miss Serena Gosting Sir. After our televisions were covered with the Olympics 12 hours a day earlier this sum-mer it is sad that the Paralympics received only a few half-hour slots showing all Britain's gold medals.

mind many of the events were

Yours faithfully, P. A. SABINE, 19 Beaufort Road, W5.

mockery

of game

POLO dubs are congratulat-

ing themselves on a full and

exciting season. That is not to

say, though, that all is well at

the high- and medium-goal levels. Teams entering the

British Open championship

and other high-goal tourna-

ments are largely run by rich

cap (eight- to ten-goal) profes-

sionals, mostly South

Americans, to fill the two key

As these players are reluc-tant to pass the ball to their

modestly handicapped, ama-

are inclined to be reduced to

duels between themselves, making a mockery of true

The expedient remedy is to

limit the aggregate handicap

of the two foreigners who are permitted for each team

in Hurlingham Association

high-goal tournaments to, say,

15, and in medium-goal to

12. In that way, too, more of the English middle-handicap

players (four and five goalers,

who have for long held grudges against the status

quo) would find places in the

middle-handicap profession-

als are earning well in the low-

goal echelons. A substantial

into horseflesh. And, whereas

patrons at the high- and

medium-thresholds may not

be much interested in a four-

goaler who keeps a vant

containing perhaps five rela-

tively low-priced ponies, he could fit nicely into a low-goal

However - as the British

players of this standard readily

complain — that is not the

place to be seen by members of the handican committee, if

Although Martin Trotter,

the chief umpire, has done

much to improve his aspect of

the game, it still leaves a great deal to be desired. There

remains far too much disput-

ing of umpires' decisions,

brow-beating of umpires, ag-gressive appealing for fouls, playing for fouls and long and

aborious teeing up of the ball.

The trouble is that the

umpires are also the players

and the weaker ones are

worried that, if they blow the

ates, there will be revenge. It is

also noticeable that, whereas

some players of low-handicap make excellent umpires, others who may be rated at nine

CYCLING

Pros mix

it with

amateurs

BY PETER BRYAN

BRITAIN'S amateur and pro-fessional track riders will com-

pete as a mixed national team

for the first time next month in

Paris. An eight-man squad will contest a six-race series over three days in what will be

the forerunner of future world

championship events. Chris Boardman, the Olympic champion, may ride a team pursuit with Tony Doyle, the former professional title-

Eight countries meet in the Open des Nations on the

Bercey indoor velodrome from

October 23 to 25, with prize

money of Fr) million (about £108,000) of which £25,000

will go to the winning nation. The competition, confirmed yesterday by the British Cy-

cling Federation, comes after

holder.

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promotion is the aim.

patron's team.

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Meanwhile, most British

places in their line-ups.

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RACING/SPORT

Red Bishop ready to spark Ascot double for Gosden

THE key to the Hoover Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot today could well be found in the result of the Gordon Richards Stakes run at Sandown in April.

That group three race was won by the admirable French colt Dear Doctor by a length and a half from Red Bishop and Opera House. Red Bishop and Opera House were separated by only a head at level weights but now Opera House must give 5lb to Red Bishop, who acquitted himself well on his corneback at Kempton earlier this month when he split Jeune and Seattle Rhyme in the Septem-

ber Stakes. When he won a listed race at Kempton, also in April, Red Bishop proved that he could handle the soft ground he will encounter today. In those con-ditions Opera House is likely to find the task of giving that much weight to Red Bishop

Opera House has not raced since he finished third in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes over today's course and distance in July when he was beaten six lengths and half a length by St Jovite and Sad-

2.30 TWO LEFT FEET (nap).

MANDARIN

4.40 Shiro.

3.05 Red Bishop.

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RICHARD EVANS: 2.30 EN ATTENDANT (nap), 4.40 Nitouche.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Sapience was only half a length behind in fourth that day, but on the same terms Opera House can confirm the

Bonny Scot and Garden Of Heaven complete the field. The latter looks out of her depth in this company, but the St Leger third Bonny Scot. who had earlier won competitive races at Goodwood and York, will not be easily brushed aside.

However, John Gosden, who trains Red Bishop and whose horses are in outstand-. ing form at present, has a good line on Bonny Scot through his St Leger runner-

Gosden can go on to land a double by winning the Blue Seal Stakes with Felawnah. The filly is by Mr Prospector out of a champion racemare in the United States.

She was also one of the six two-year-olds which her trainer singled out when he showed me around Stanley House stables in Newmarket earlier this year. Already the four of

2.00 Lord Chickney.

4.40 Moon Over Mami.

3.05 Sapienca.

3.40 Felucce.

4.10 Muse.

2.30 RAMBO'S HALL (nap).

that sextet to have run have all won, which is a fine advertisement for Gosden's judgment. Fellow Newmarket trainer

Sir Mark Prescott can also land a double on the Berkshire track with Two Left Feet (2.30) and Mrs Fisher (5.10).

No horse will appreciate the soft ground more than Two Left Feet, who is my nap to win the Hoover Handicap despite top weight of 10 stone. Last time out, he carried 1lb more into third at Haydock, where he encountered all manner of trouble in the

On that running he was



Prescott: has found good

3.40 BLUE SEAL STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £9,080: 61) (8 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 February, 11-4 February, 7-2 Descrip View, 9-2 Rejeary, 8-1 Maler, 10-1 Ser 1991: MESTERWOSU 8-8 TH Casses (7-2) D Bases to 5 no.

FORM FOCUS

CAROL LEONARD | ment shared responsibility | NW11.

third race in succession having previously triumphed at Salisbury and Ripon on soft going. Mrs Fisher can seal Pres-

cott's day by winning the Bishopsgate Apprentice Stakes in the care of that promising young rider Jason Weaver. The conditions of the race allow her to meet her three rivals on advantageous terms when compared with their official ratings.

Talb, trained by John Dun-

lop, can begin the programme y winning the Clarence louse Stakes. If his connections were initially disappoint-ed with his latest run behind Tik Fa and L'Hermine at Doncaster, the sight of Tik Fa subsequently beating colts of the calibre of Hazaam and Hamas at Newbury last Saturday will have given them every cause to revise that opinion.

ln the Gordon Carter Handicap, I like none better than David Elsworth's versatile five-year-old Muse, who will strip fitter for his recent run behind Ideal Candidate at Goodwood.

Muse, a smart hurdler last season, has already shown that he is quite capable of winning a race of this nature on the Flat.

BBC2

Rodrigo De Triano's mile hopes sink in soft ground

By MICHAEL SEELY Wragg said. "We'd take her

TORRENTIAL rain on Tuesday night has made it highly unlikely that Rodrigo De Triano will be asked to take on Selkirk in the Queen Elizabeth 1! Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.

With the Challenge Stakes. the Champion Stakes and the Breeders' Cup Classic still high on the agenda of Robert Sangster's dual classic and International Stakes winner, little good would come from a hard race in unfavourable circumstances.

"We'll make up our minds on Friday morning." Peter Chapple-Hyam said yester-day, "but he doesn't like soft ground."

Nicholas Beaumont, the clerk of the course at Ascot, said: "We've had two inches of rain. We've changed the going from good to soft and there are heavy patches going into Swinley Bottom."

Without doubt Saturday's £250.000 feature will decide the champion miler in Europe this season and the altered underfoot conditions will certainly not help either Marling, as she seeks to confirm her Goodwood superiority over Selkirk, or Second Set.

"At the moment Marling is a likely runner." Geoffrey

out only if the ground got really bad. It's not so much that she wouldn't go through possible target." it as that she might be unable to produce her turn of foot." Second Set, on the other

hand, finished a well-beaten fourth to Selkirk in last year's race in similar going. "We're keen to run as the horse is in such good form." Luca Cumani said, "but we'll take him out if it's soft." Selkirk, All At Sea and

Lahib have all shown themselves capable of producing their best form when the mud is flying. In the changed circumstances the 4-1 against All At Sea, the winner of the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp earlier this month, represents cast iron each-way

Ladbrokes' latest betting makes Selkirk 11-8 favourite, followed by 7-2 Marling, 4-1 All At Sea, 9-1 Lahib, 10-1 Brief Truce and Second Set. Another absentee at Ascot will be Sayyedati, who will not now run in the Fillies' Mile. "She wouldn't like the soft going," said Clive Britain about the 1,000 Guineas antepost favourite

"She is now likely to be supplemented for the Cheve-

ley Park Stakes. The Rockfel Stakes at the following Newmarket meeting is another

Tenby and White Crown will for the Royal Lodge Stakes. Crown away for the season." should make a good three-year-old next year."

Abdulla is now likely to be represented in the Grand at this stage of his career, Zafonic might be more effect-

Zafonic is 4-) favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas on the strength of an impressive performance in the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp. Tenby is first choice in the market for next season's Derby at 12-1 after easy wins

A further disappointment for intending racegoers and the Ascot executive is that both

be missing from the line-up "We've decided to put White Ben Hanbury said. "He Confirming that Khalid

Criterium by Tenby and in the Dewhurst Stakes by Zasonic, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, the prince's racing manager, said: Both Henry Cecil and Andre Fabre have been asked to keep their options open. But we feel that Tenby will be suited by the mile at Longchamp and, ive over seven furlongs."

Richard Quinn's decision to stay on the far rails tipped the Waterhall Selling Handicap in his favour.

course on the softened ground, Quinn's mount Genuine Lady ploughed a lone furrow to beat some disappointing rivals. Genuine Lady was a rare

Surprise Offer has close shave heart failure in the backer

SURPRISE Offer's blg-race preliminary almost turned into embarrassing defeat at Brighton yesterday. Sent off an 8-1 on favourite

for the Race Hill Stakes, victory was considered a formality but Richard Hannon's colt appeared ill at ease on the switchback track and scrambled home by only a short head from Lester Piggott's mount Troon. One bookmaker offered

even money about Surprise Offer getting a verdict which must have almost induced

who had invested £1,000 to win £125. Surprise Offer was running

without the blinkers which helped him to victory last time out and Hannon said: "He'll definitely wear them for his next race, which will be the Corowallis Stakes at Ascot." Surprise Offer is owned by Lord Carparvon, who also has

Lyric Fantasy. Hannon con-firmed that the filly is in fine shape and that she will be supplemented today for the Cheveley Park Stakes at

As many of the field tacked over to the middle of the

and welcome success for her trainer Alan Jarvis, who is slowly making his way back after a spell out of racing.

13-8 Grand Fren. 9-2 Cartibleson Prince, 11-2 Star of The Glen, 13-2 Va Utu. 8-1 Demon lighto, 10-1 Checaposie Bay, Gancon, 12-1 others.

11-10 Balmoradean, 2-1 Striety, 7-2 Journal, 8-1 Compan, 12-1 Free Expression.

4.20 SUMMERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE

3.50 GRUNWICK HOVICE CHASE

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MANDARIN 2.20 Highland Spirit. 2.50 Canon Class. 3.20 Pet-mer. 3.50 Belmoredean. 4.20 Grand Frers. 4.50 Texas Scramble.

2.20 Highland Spirit. 2.50 Canon Class. 3.20 Clipper One: 3.50 Belmoredeen. 4.20 Duncan Idaho. 4.50 Copy Lane.

going: good

2.20 BROADWAY NOVICES HURDLE

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2.50 WILLIAM STANSELL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,684; \$m) (6)

2-1 Canon Class, 11-4 Upstanding, 5-1 Participation, 8-1 Grey Tomacio, Societo, 20-1 Periodely.

3.20 TAUNTON CASTLE HOVICE SELLING

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

(£2,253: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

5-4 Petrner, 100-30 Chapper One, 9-2 Cannote King, 10-1 Boss With A Veil, 15-1 Heard Turcer, 25-1 others.

2.15 Furry Baby. 2.45 Nineofus. 3.15 Lonesome Train. 3.45 Sweet Duke. 4.15 The Yank. 4.45 Peto-

2.15 HIGHLAND SPRING NOVICES HURDLE

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4 060- THE COUNTRY TRADER 250 G Richards 6-11-0 N Doughly
5 COOPERS SPOT-ON 28F P Montain 4-10-12 A Dobbits (5)
6 P/ CELTIC BUNNE 455 Mr J Goodiellow 7-10-9 B Storby
7 040- ENGLYS STAR 181 N Twiston-Dovies 5-10-9 C Liowellyn
9 86-F MRS ENG 34 (8) Mr S Bactherns 5-10-9 P Williams (7)
10 846- ANDLISSA BRY 159 J Jeffesson 4-10-7 P Williams (7)
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9-4 Sultan's Son, 3-1 Emity's Star, 6-1 Furry Baby, Galloway Brazza, 6-1 The Country Trader, 12-1 Coopers Spot On, 20-1 others.

2.45 PERTHSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,736: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

3.15 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE CHAMPION-

17-4 Desert Miss, 3-1 Lonesome Train, 4-1 Ste-Jen, 7-1 Teamp, 8-1 Band Sargeard, 12-1 Miliyel, 16-1 Sazdaylou, 20-1 Tidal River.

SHIP NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £1,847: 2m 110yd) (8)

4.50 WIVELISCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,504: 2m 1f) (13) 9-4 Sandro, 7-2 Copy Lane, 9-2 Mustahil, 5-1 Texas Scramble, 6-1 Royal Print 7-1 Aedess, 6-1 My Senor, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: Mrs J Primat, 4 writers from 12 namers, 33.3%, M Pipe, 44 from 155, 28.4%, birs J Retter, 7 man, 40, 17.5%, W Turner, 6 from 41, 14.6%; A Berrow, 6 from 44, 13.6%; C Popham, 12 from 89, 13.5%, C Popham, 12 from 89, 10.000, F P Special Primary, 10.000, P P Special P S

3.45 HIGHLAND SPRING SCOTTISH CELE-(£2,697; 2m 4f 110yd) (6) 2.15 Sultan's Son. 2.45 Stepfaster. 3.15 Desert Mist. 3.45 Sweet Duke. 4.15 The Yank. 4.45 Fettuccine.

4.15 HIGHLAND CONFECTIONERY NOVICES

3-1 Shelton Albey, 7-2 The Yank, 5-1 Mister Turbe, 7-1 Dollario, 8-1 Grange Braile, 10-1 Mandalay Prince, Shermago, 20-1 others.

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the domestic track season has ended and will require potential riders to resume competition training. For Doyle that represents no problem; he is building up for the European winter six-day programme and started yesterday's 520-mile Nissan Classic in Ireland. Events in the competition are: sprint, individual and

team pursuits, points race, flying start time trial, elimination race, Italian pursuit and a moped-paced race.



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Europeans massed to repel US advance guard

By MITCHELL PLATTS

LAURA Davies will try to give Europe a psychological advantage for the Solheim Cup match against the United States by wirming the Weetabix British Open, which starts at Woburn

Dottie Mochrie, the leading money-winner on the US LPGA circuit, and Patty Sheehan, the US Open champion, have arrived as the American advance party for the cup match, which starts at Dalmahoy, near Edinburgh,

tomorrow week. Their objec-tive is to lay the foundations for another United States triumph by overwhelming the opposition at Woburn, where all ten of the European team are competing.

Davies has finished in the

top ten in the eight Women Professional Gotfers' European Tour (WPGET) events she has contested this summer. Her three wins have helped her towards prize-money of £64,397. Davies can secure the top place in the money list for the first time since 1986 if she wins the first prize of £50,000.

importance of beating Mochrie and Sheehan. "The Solheim Cup is my priority this year," she said. "It would do so much for our tour if we won, especially in front of a British crowd. I would obviously like to tee up next week as British Open champion."

There is a unity among the

Europeans which suggests Mochrie and Sheehan will discover that they will not be a team to be underestimated. Florence Descampe, of Belgium, has won on the LPGA circuit this season and Liselotte Neumann, of Swe-

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den, and Davies have both been runners-up of two occasions this year. Helen Alfredsson, the Swede who won the British Open in 1990, Kitrina Davies, Trish Johnson, Alison Nicholas, Catrin Nilsmark, Dale Reid and Pam Wright are the other members of the European

Wright, a Scot who plays regularly in the United States, has been fined \$10,000 for competing without a release from the LPGA. She said: "It's an automatic fine. The LPGA only allow four players to be released and I'm the fifth one here. important to miss because I need to be ready for the Solheim Cup."

The credentials of Mochrie

a series of health tests. She said: "I suffered a few palpitations and I've been told to

lose weight, stop smoking

and to stop biting my nails."

ing. Mochrie has won four times this season, including her first major champion-ship, the Nabisco Dinah Shore, She has earned \$693,335. Sheehan, fourth in the money list, has won \$418,622 and two tournaments, in addition to the US

Penny Grice-Whittaker, meanwhile, is happy to be defending her title following

Walker in gallant exit against

SQUASH RACKETS

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN

Finn

CHRIS Walker's long South African summer ended here yesterday when he failed to achieve a world Open quarter-final place after being narrow-by beaten by Sami Elopuro, of Finland.

In the most enthralling encounter of the tournament Elopuro, the seventh seed, won 11-15, 15-8, 15-14, 17-16 in 85 minutes, and must thank Walker's sense of adventure for the victory as much as his own athletic balance and speed.

Walker is one of three Essex players who committed themselves to this championship by moving their training and preparation to South Africa immediately after the European team championships in May. Tony Hands also battled hard yesterday, losing 15-3, 15-7, 16-17, 15-9 to Jansher Khan, the top seed from 🚁

Walker's decision to choose a sudden death tie-break at 14-14 in the third game would have raised the blood pressure of his old Essex coaching colleagues.

Aged 25 and placed second

behind Peter Marshall in the England rankings. Walker reached the second round by defeating Derek Ryan, the Irish No. 1, who was later the beaten up by four young Afrikaaners in an Irish bar. Walker began fluently against the light-framed and severely. accurate Finn, taking the first game 15-11 in 16 minutes. However, Elopuro stiffened the sinew to take the second

game in only eight minutes and was leading 7-4 in the third before Walker regained. The exchange of clinging drives and pin-point drop shots that carried the score to 14-14 in that 20-minute third game was the most eye-catch-

ing aspect of the tournament Walker's instant selection of a single point decider silenced the excited audience at the Standard Bank Arena but his immediate dispatch of

Marish

Elopuro's service into the tin as he attempted a volley crosscourt at the left-hand nick had them on their feet cheering. After an absorbing battle in, the fourth game, Elopuro ended the long, final rally with

a crisp backhand straight drive into the left-hand nick. In earlier matches Ross Norman, of New Zealand, 33, the former world champion, lost to Austin Adarraga, a Spanish qualifier, and Tristan. Nancarrow, the sixth seed, lost to Rodney Eyles in an ali-

to "tend the commercial activi-

Two of the deals with Fam-

ous Grouse and Tennants

were worth around £90,000.

"Much to the dismay of

Proscot, and subsequently the

players, both deals were vetoed

While England's players

each received £6,000, the indi-

vidual payout to the Scots was

Yesterday, Ian McGeechan, the Scotland and British Isles

coach, alluded obliquely to the

amateurism issue. "We will

not get anywhere by being

negative. But at least by read-

ties of the squad".

by the SRU."

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Couples, Love and Kite start favourites

Americans step up their drive for the Dunhill Cup

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

FRED Couples, Tom Kite and Davis Love III will represent the United States in the Alfred Dunhill Cup on the Old Course at St Andrews from October 15 to 18. Couples, the Masters champion. Kite, the US Open champion, and Love, who won The Players Championship, will be favourites to share the first prize of £300,000.

The United States have had several embarrassing defeats in the competition, which they have won only once since its inauguration in 1985. France overwhelmed them in the first round in 1990 and South Africa exposed their frailties last year.

Kite and Love, the best three players in the United States this year, to present a united force demonstrates the importance the Americans now attach to the international scene. There would appear to be a new doctrine among their players for team events following the Ryder Cup at Kiawah Island last year, when they beat Europe for the first time

since 1983. Kite is particularly keen to put the record straight because he lost to Emmanuel Dussart, of France, at St Andrews in 1990 and he subsequently forfeited his place in the Ryder

The Americans' chances of victory must also be helped by the fact that Nick Faldo has

So the decision of Couples, declined to play for England, Europe stretches too far for Ballesteros

FROM MELWEBB IN KNOKKE

THE talk yesterday as the should be played only in players prepared for the Piaget Europe. It will become very Belgian Open, which starts today at Royal Zoute, was of quality taking second place to

The speaker was Severiano Ballesteros, who was responding to the PGA European Tour's outline schedule announced on Tuesday. Ballesteros, it is fair to say, was not happy with what for some of his peers might have been

very good news indeed. "In the mid-70s the Tour started after the US Masters and finished in September, he said. "Now it has become a year-round schedule, and I think it's wrong. No human being can play all the year round and play well all the time. I think 32 tournaments in a season would be plenty."

Ballesteros is not overjoyed, either, that the success of the European Tour is taking it to all parts of the globe - venues next year will include Durban. Singapore and Dubai in a 46-

"This is now a world tour." he said. "The European Tour

ON A perfect golfing day at

Prestwick yesterday, with the

wind ranging from a moder-

ate breeze to nothing at all,

Scotland scraped to a one-point victory against Wales

while Ireland, the defending

Scotland's hero was Wilson

Bryson from Drumpellier,

their last man out. He always

had the edge against Gary

Houston, but shredded Scot-

tish nerves by losing the 15th,

to be brought back to all

square at 7-7. However, the

Scot remained cool enough to

win the 16th and 17th with

par fours and the plaudits of

The singles were shared 5-5.

and once again the foursomes

proved crucial. Wales had won

the top two but lost the rest. In

his countrymen.

champions, halved with

England.

difficult to have superstars on the Tour. In the United States they have such a long schedule, and they have no stars.

"It will be the death of the European superstars and will mean a shorter playing life for the players. I haven't expressed my view officially. because perhaps they won't listen." Ballesteros, who has missed four cuts out of the last ious to boost an ailing personal season.

He faces tough competition in this £600,000 event. Eight of the top ten players in the money list are appearing on the long, tight Royal Zoute links, and yet again Nick Faldo will be attempting to pass the record figure of 574,166 set last year by Ian Woosnam for earnings in a

European season. Faldo needs to finish 49th or better. Since he has yet to finish lower than 21st in Europe this season, he should have little trouble in passing

Bryson makes the difference

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

the third match. Garry Hay,

one of Scotland's veterans,

holed telling putts at nine, 12

and 15. and he and David

Kirkpatrick won the last two

holes, for what proved a

Ireland and England

shared the foursomes when

Liam MacNamara and Adri-

an Morrow snatched a half

with Carl Watts and Gary

Wolstenholme by winning the

18th with a birdie three. In the

singles, however, it looked as

though the famed luck of the

Irish had evaporated and they

were heading for defeat until

MacNamara staged a revival.

play against Matt McGuire.

the Midland champion from

Drayton Park making his

MacNamara, aged 39, played

debut,

international

Three down with four to

precious point.

for whom David Gilford, Steven Richardson and Jamie Spence will link. Scotland (Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie and Gordon Brand Jr) and Ireland (Ronan Rafferty, Christy O'Connor Jr and Philip Walton) are also represented but Wales failed

Greg Norman will also hope to revitalise Australia. Winners in 1985 and 1986, they have been beaten in the first round in each of the last three years, by France, New Zealand and Canada

Norman, who will be joined by Ian Baker-Finch and Rodger Davis, is excited again about his future in the game following his success two weeks ago in the Canadian Open, his first win for more than two years. His first priority in Britain, however, will be to win, for a fourth time, the Toyota World Match Play Championship, to be played at Wentworth from October 8 to

Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion, will be seeking to win the title for a record sixth time although Faldo, winner in 1989, will start the favourite in a field which will also include Nick Price, the US PGA champion, Ian Woosnam and José Maria

Olazáhal. Couples, Kite and Love all declined invitations for varying reasons. Couples is contracted to play in the Honda Open in Hamburg and Kite is opening a new course which he has designed in Nashville. John Cook, runner-up to Faldo in the Open, was also invited but, like Love, he is playing that week in the Las Invitational tour-

TRATTIETIE Brad Faxon, Mark O'Meara and Jeff Sluman are being suggested as the American representatives. They will, however, have history against them because not since Bill Rogers won in 1979 has an deed, Ben Crenshaw, in 1981, was the last American to reach the final. The first prize for the event has been increased to

Safely on board: Yates finds his sea legs after answering the call to join the crew of Nuclear Electric

Yates answers emergency call

By BARRY PICKTHALL

STEVEN Yates, a paramedic from Sheffield, has answered yesterday's urgent call in The Times for a medic to sail aboard Nuclear Electric, Chay Blyth's British Steel Challenge vacht, on the first stage of the round the world race to Rio de Janeiro.

Yates, 34, a state registered nurse, had packed his bag and joined the British Steel yacht by lunchtime, after calling John Chittenden, the skipper, to say he was available to replace Dr Andrew O'Connor, whose hopes of taking part were ended when his wife was emergency Yates had to cope only 12 years ago, said yestertaken ill earlier this week.

Yates is no stranger to such short-notice calls. Two years ago, he saw a sign at the London Boat Show, also placed by Chittenden, for a medic to join his yacht, Creighton's Naturally, for the fourth leg of the Whitbread round the world race around Cape Horn from Auckland to Punta del Este, Uruguay.

"I had three weeks' notice then, but had to raise quite a bit of money for travel," he said. "This time I am going for free."

During that leg, the only

with was two broken fingers after Chittenden trapped his hand while attempting to pull in a spinnaker that had been blown overboard.

Later, he was to join Bob almon's maxi. Atlantic Salmon's maxi Privaveer, for the final two legs back to England and looked after the transplantee who preempted the longest air/sea rescue in history. The RAF flew out to rendezvous with the yacht in mid-Atlantic when his patient was thought to be suffering from rejection

Yates, who began sailing

day: "The Whitbread race was quite a culture shock, and I will want to see how I get on with everyone on board before committing myself to further legs in this race. I don't know that I want to go upwind in the Southern Ocean. I've been there before and know just what it is like."

Chay Blyth said that the appeal in The Times yesterday had attracted several enquiries and that he was happy to have such an experienced medic step in for Andrew O'Conner. who hopes to rejoin the yacht

Australian encounter.

RUGBY UNION: FORMER SCOTLAND CAPTAIN CLAIMS ILLEGAL PAYMENTS MADE TO PLAYERS

Griffiths cleared by video

AFTER producing video evidence. Mike Griffiths, the Cardiff prop forward, won an appeal against his sending-off at Aberavon on Saptember 5. Griffiths, a British Lion

capped 22 times by Wales at loose head, faced a 12-week suspension for allegedly kicking an opponent during the Heineken League first division game. He was reprieved at a

personal hearing with the Welsh Rugby Union disciplinary committee on Tuesday night after producing video evidence of the incident. The verdict earned him an

immediate call-up into the 44man Wales squad preparing for the international match against Italy on October 7. Griffiths said: "I was bitter

while I was waiting for my appeal, but all this is behind me now and I can't wait to start playing again." Having missed two first

ing his appeal. Griffiths is ready to return to action at Maesteg on Saturday. ☐ St Albans, who beat Mayfield 172-0 in the first round of the Provincial Insurance Cup on Saturday, have been drawn away to Essex Police in

Watford, who won 100-0 at Mistley, are at home to Barnet, while Littlehey, the prison side from Huntingdon, have what promises to be an interesting away tie at Bedford Swifts, Bracknell, beaten semifinalists last season, travel to Chesham after a walkover in

voiced in England over the past four years. -"Clubs have been visited by RFU officials and their accounts scrutinised. But no evidence to date has turned up," he said. "I have no knowledge of any player in Scotland being paid to play rugby, but I'm sure that David

> "I shall be discussing the matter with the SRU president on how we should proceed." The allegations are made by

Sole would not make such

statements in his book without

Sole in a chapter of his book entitled The Money Game, in which, among other issues, he criticises the stance taken by

disciplined." Hogg said that similar allegations had been players.

Board (IRB) on payments to players.

Currently the board has covered its embarrassment with the fig leaf of 'communication for reward' and the facade of payment for nonsimply be a matter of time before the top players go back to signing 'under the counter' deals for boot endorsements and the like," says Sole, who yesterday called for changes in the IRB's laws on amateur-

In his book, Sole is alsocritical of the interventiontowards the Scotland players'

ist role taken by the SRU commercial activities at the time of the World Cup. With Sole as their spokesman, the players had appointed Proscot

ing this book the public may get a better appreciation of the demands made on players." Commenting on Sole's view

of committee run unions, McGeechan said: "The most efficient rugby organisations are some of the top English clubs like Northampton, who have a paid executive to run it

like a business." ☐ South Korea beat Malaysia 135-3 in the Asian tournament in Seoul but failed to reach the final, in which Hong Kong will meet Japan or Taiwan.

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the last four holes in one under par and won them all. At the 18th, his revival seemed doomed when he was still short of the green - which his partner, Morrow, had driven in the morning - in two and McGuire was just a few yards short in one. Both men pitched to about 12 feet. MacNamara holed and

McGuire three-putted. Wins for Colin Edwards, Mark Pullan, Rafe Hutt, Warren Bennett and Gary Wolstenholme balanced Irish victories by Gary Murphy, Garth McGimpsey, Raymond

division matches while await-

Garth McGimpsey, Raymond Burns and Niall Goulding.
RESULTS: Ireland 74. England 75. tretand names first). Foursomes: G McGimpsey and K Keamey bt M Stanford and R Hurt. 5 and 3. P Hamigton and J Fanagan lost to 8 Cege and C Edwards, 3 and 2. G Mupphy and R Burns to 1 Gerburd and M Pullan. 4 and 3. T Condan and N Goulding lost to P Streeter and M McGure, 4 and 2. L MacNamara and A Morrow halved with G Wotsenholme and C Wars Singles: Murphy to Cage 3 and 2. McGimpsey bt Stanford, 6 and 5. Keamey lost to Folwards. 4 and 3. Hamigton lost to 9 Pullan, 3 and 1. Burns bt Garbuff, 3 and 2. Farcagan lost to W Bennett. 4 and 3. K Nolan lost by the Mark and 3. MacNemara bt McGure. 1 hole. Goulding bt Watts, 2 and 1. Rothson and M Elis bt S Gallacher and 1 Wates 7, Scotland 8 (Wates names list). Fourterness: C Evans and C Rees bt S Dundas and D Robertson, 2 and 1: R Johnson and M Elis bt S Gallacher and B Dredge lost to G Hay and D Kirkpainck, 1 hole, G Houston and M Macara lost to J Miligan and R Russell, 1 hole, 5 Edwards and B Dredge lost to Robertson, 3 and 2. Reas lost to Kirkpainck, 5 and 4. Orcand lost to 8 Knowles and W Bryson, 2 and 1 Singles: H Roberts halved with Dundas, Evans bt Gallacher, 5 and 4. Dredge lost to Robertson, 3 and 2. Reas lost to Kirkpainck, 5 and 4. After South of the Syson, 2 and 1 in Miligan, 4 and 2. Macara lost to Hay, 3 and 2. Dredale to Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 the Milian A And 2. Dredge lost to Thomson, 1 hole; Houston lost to Bryson, 2 and 1 the Bryson, 2 and 2 the Bryson, 2 and 2 th the second round on October

Scots to demand explanation from Sole BY ALAN LORIMER

THE Scottish Rugby Union

vesterday called on David Sole, the former Scotland captain, to substantiate allega-tions made in his book, Heart and Sole, of illegal payments being made to players in

Yesterday, at the launch of the book, Bill Hogg, the SRU chief executive, said: "We will ask David Sole to provide us with details. This is the first time such allegations have been made, but we would certainly want to make investigations.

"If players are found to be in receipt of payment then they would have to be debarred from rugby union and the clubs involved would also be the International Rugby

AFTER winning four titles in

five years, Brynteg compre-

hensive school from Swansea,

were brought down to earth in

Wallington, fired by their

success, moved on to contest a

bruising quarter-final with Coopers Company and Co-

born School from Upminster,

Essex, which they lost 21-7. In

the last two minutes, Coopers

staged two do-or-die attacks

and came away with two

Their taste of victory, howev-

er, was short-lived in the semi-

plate competition.

converted tries.

Eltham turn sevens into exhibition By CHRIS DIGHTON had too much pace for them.

Possession was needlessly

kicked away allowing Oratory

to run the ball back with such

the NatWest schools sevens effect that they won 33-7. competition at Beckenham, The second semi-final, between Eltham and Colfe's, Kent. They failed to make the provided an exhibition in sevquarter-finals after a 21-0 pool game defeat by Wallington High School and were then ens play from Eltham who heeded the golden rule that beaten by St Benedicts in the possession is next to support in the order of rugby sevens'

godfiness. As a result, they were able to carve holes in the Colfe's rearguard, to triumph 22-10. and then apply the same technique when beating London Oratory 35-7 in the

Keeping a well-disciplined line strung across the pitch, Eltham waited for their opportunities and took them well, final where London Oratory running in four tries from

deep positions and converting them all to build a first half lead of 28-0. In the second half, they added two more while Oratory, winners of this competition in 1983, gained a late consolation score.

To celebrate the competition's silver anniversary, invitations had been sent out widely, with the British School of Brussels making their debut alongside the other 31 teams. The standard of play, however, caught them on the hop

and they lost 33-0 to Sevenoaks, 7-26 to Ynysawdre and, finally, 0-19 to Colfe's. arid, timality, U-19 to Colfe's.
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Debts may

force

Swinton to

close

By Christopher Irvine

SWINTON, relegated to the second division last season,

are facing possible extinction because of mounting debts, in

spite of the sale of their ground and a recent move to Bury

The club, formed 96 years

ago, held an emergency board

meeting last night and is

expected to call in the adminis-

trator in the next few days to

arrange a sale of the players -

Swinton's only remaining as-

sets. With benefactors thin on the ground, the future for the

'Lions', so called after an

earlier spell based at the local

White Lion Pub, is in doubt lan Clift, Swinton's major shareholder, said: "I fear the club will fold quickly unless

there is an immediate rescue

package. There was little op-tion but to self the Station Road ground because of the

The sale mised nearly £1

million, but left debts of £200,000 outstanding. The financial crisis has worsened

partly because the move to

Gigg Lane has not been

popular. Swinton have org-

anised free transport for sup-

porters but the average home

gate of 2,800 last season has

Following the collapse last month of the newly-formed Scarborough club — the eighth to go out of business since 1945 — the popular

illusion of a game awash with money is rapidly being

stripped away. Swinton is at

the top of an unstable iceberg.

with Leigh, of the first divi-

The business consortium

which stepped in to rescue the

troubled club last year by

leasing the ground from the administrator, is no longer around. Hilton Park is now on

now wobbling

cash problems,"

dipped to 700.

underneath.

Football Club.

Cup draw against minnows adds to strain on Souness

By LOUISE TAYLOR

BOOKMAKERS and a former Liverpool captain are among the vultures circling Graeme Souness, the chub's manager, and his team after their 4-4 home draw with Chesterfield, of the third division, in their Coca-Cola Cup

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match on Tuesday riight.
The result capped Liverpool's worst start to a season for 28 years and followed a 4-2 loss at Aston Villa on Saturday. Liverpool were hard hit by injuries for both games, but Entlyn Hughes, a captain at Anfield in the Seventies, has criticised the players for failing to show commitment and

Bookmakers are offering Kevin Keegan at 5-1 to be in charge at Liverpool for the start of next season. Other former Liverpool players, John Toshack (6-1), Kenny Dalglish and Phil Thompson (8-1) and Alan Hansen (10-1) are the others in the betting

The last time Liverpool saw a scoreline like Tuesday night's was against Everton in an FA Cup fifth-round replay last February, and within hours Dalglish quit as manager because of the pressures. There are no signs yet that Souness will follow suit, but the man who this year had Feeling the strain.

Kasey Kellar made one mistake at Arsenal on Tuesday night and Millwall's United States goalkeeper was punished harshly for it. It occurred in the 78th minute of a second round, first leg, Coca-Cola Cup tie at Highbury when Kevin Campbell met Paul Merson's pass to squeeze a low drive between Kellar's legs. That shot should have been

a formality for the goalkeeper, who had earlier made a string of splendid saves, most notably from Alan Smith, who could be on his way to Nottingham Forest, and Paul

Mick McCarthy's first division team fully deserved their lead, however. It came thanks to a goal from Andy Roberts in the 52nd minute after periods of sustained Millwall pressure. A rain-swept evening at Highbury was tarnished by the member of the crowd who the member of the crowd who felled Ian Wright with a coin. The Arsenal forward was being watched by Graham Taylor, the England manager. Wright, who was guilty of an appalling tackle on Colin

Cooper, the Miliwali defender, was hit above an eye and the incident will be mentioned in the referee's report to the Football Association. That could lead to a possible FA

punishment for Millwall. McCarthy said: "The person who threw the coin was a moron. It is a concern because the club has worked so hard to get shot of its bad image and one — just one — idiot could spoil it. It is also a pity that it could deflect attention from a very good performance from

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, came in for some prolonged booing from the Highbury crowd after he substituted Anders Limpar. replacing him, ironically, with Arsenal's scorer, Campbell. Norwich City, the Premier League leaders, were brought down to earth with a bump at Brunton Park where they were held to a 2-2 draw by Carlisle United, the side who finished bottom of the Football League

last season.

Carlisle's collection of cast-offs and YTS boys (total value £90,000) were unlucky not to win in front of a crowd of more than 10,000 Cumbrians who have been impressed by the dynamism of Michael Knighton, their new chairman. Barnsley and Edmonton were on target for Carlisle, and Robins and Goss for

Norwich.
Sheffield United were the only Premier League club to lose in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday, going down 2-1 to Bristol City at Ashton Gate. Denis Smith's first division side, who had conceded ten goals in their previous two league games, had efforts from Edwards and Scott to thank for victory.

Vinny Jones put his foot in at Burnden Park. Happily it was not into a reckless tackle, but a side-foot past Branagan, the Bolton Wanderers goalkeeper, which put Wimbledon 3-1 up. Earlier Fashanu and Ardley had scored for the Premier League side in a bruising encounter which produced five bookings.
Leeds United, the league

champions, ended a six-match run without victory with a comfortable 4-1 win against Scunthorpe United at Elland Road. Leeds, however, are anxious about Tony Dorigo, their left back, who limped off with an ankle injury and is doubtful for next week's European Cup tie in Stuttgart.

Back injury threatens Gretzky's career

Los Angeles: Wayne Gretzky. the leading goal scorer in the history of America's National Hockey league, will be out of ice hockey indefinitely because of a herniated disc.

The Los Angeles Kings centre said this week that he had been suffering from an "exeruciatingly painful" up-per back problem. He said that the pain had subsided, and he held out hope that he would be able to return to the

"We are taking it one day at a time," Gretzky, 31, said at a news conference at The Great Western Forum, where

Great Western Forum, where the Kinga make their home. Gretzky checked himself into Centinela Hospital last Tuesday because of chest pains caused by the injury. Dr Robert Walkins told the news conference that Gretzky's injury was a herni-ated thoracic disk, which was intruding into his upper spine. He said there was no injury to the prime

injury to the spine.

Watkins, of the KerlanJobe Clinic, said he had
recommended intensive painkilling medication for Gretzky and that once the pain was gone he would undergo physical therapy. "Then we'll see what hap-

pens," Watkins said. "We are quite optimistic that Wayne can certainly have an excellent chance of recovery from his injury. There is the possibility that he can return this year, but there is no guarantee," he

Asked about the long-term prospects of Gretzky returning as a player, Watkins said: "As I said, there is no guarantee."
Watkins said the pain that

forced Gretzky to the hospital last week may have been brought on by the excitement



Under stress: Gretzky shows the strain at his press conference

birth to their third child the Gretzky said: "After Janet

had her baby I spent the night with my daughter and my son and when I woke up Tuesday the pain in my chest was enormous "I still feel pressure in my

chest, but I'm feeling a lot better today than I did last

and on the resumption he

added three of the next four as

the usually dependable

McManus continued to com-

"I think I would prefer to

olay away from home."

McManus, the world No. 13,

said. "Having a lot of support

is great but it's also difficult to

cope with." Small held similar

views, for he admitted: "I felt

under more pressure playing

this match than I did at the

Small failed dismally to

reproduce the form that car-

ried him to the last 16 of this

ear's world championship on

mit expensive errors.

Wednesday. Maybe the excitement of the new baby could have put stress on me." Asked if he was going to play again, Gretzky said: "The only thing I am dealing with now is getting rid of the

Bruce McNall, the owner of the Kings said: "I don't think it will be the end and I

hope it isn't. From a franchise point of view, you can't replace Wayne Gretzky, but it isn't a one-man sport. We hope to remain very competitive.

"Everyone says, What will happen when Wayne retires?". Now we will find out, for a few months, or however

VOLLEYBALL

Scots expel Telford for not paying fine

THREE days before the season opens, Telford, the Scottish men's cup winners for the past two years, were yesterday expelled from the Royal Bank Scottish League. They had failed to pay a £200 fine imposed for distributing a fanzine-type publication ridi-culing officials.

The Edinburgh side, Scotland's most successful men's team over the last 20 years, had until noon yesterday to pay the fine for "bringing the game into disrepute." deadline passed without payment of the fine and an official of the Scottish Volleyball Association (SVA) confirmed: "As of noon today. Telford have

men's first division." It was also confirmed that only nine teams would take part in the top division and no team would be promoted to take Telford's place. Telford

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Hisrow 7, Rugby 0 Stamford 0, Elshop's Storfford College 9 Desborough 18 Hanley College 10 Liandovery College 23, St Cyros 0, Shiptaka 7, Merchant Taylors' 21,

INTER-PROVINCIAL, IRISH CHAMPION SHIP: Lenster 16, Insh Eules 14

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MOTOR RALLYING

forfeited their place in the

had also fined and banned all their players from playing. coaching, refereeing or administrating at any event for a

their first match on Saturday. The SVA had originally banned Telford for a year and

severe punishment the association had ever imposed. Telford successfully appealed but have failed to pay the substitute fine. Their players

are free to join other clubs.

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Australia have received their second injury blow in 24 hours after the loss of their stand-off half, Laurie Daley. Andrew Ettingshausen, the full back, was yesterday ruled out of the World Cup final against Great Britain at Wembley on October 24 because of a knee problem. His place is likely to go to Michael Potter. of Sydney St George, who meet Brisbane in the Sydney grand final on Sunday. The 22-man squad is due to

☐ The former New Zealand scrum half, Clayton Friend, is expected to sign for Whitehaven later this week.

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CYCLING

Nelissen takes first stage of Irish race

IT was the Belgian, Wilfried Nelissen, who sprinted to vicstage of the Nissan Tour of Ireland, over 112 miles from off Phil Anderson, the Australian, who has won five Nissan stages in previous years.

'A second-year professional. Nelissen is fast gaining a reputation as one of the best spirinters in the sport though he is a poor climber and just survived the one-in-six ascent of Clermont Cairn in the Cooley Mountains before the fast descent to Dundalk.

There, after two laps of a circuit around the town, Nelissen deverty positioned himself and successfully held off Anderson, the winner of the 1991 Kellogg's Tour of Britain. The Dutchman, Adri van der Poel, was third ahead of Hendrik Redant, of Belgium, the Mexican, Raul

Coca-Cola Cup

Second round, first les

Alcala, and Willie Engelbrecht, from South

champion and Anderson's Motorola team-mate, had made a brave bid for victory when he escaped just before the bell on the four-mile finishing circuit. He was caught with two miles left.

leys split the field into three main groups, with Eric Breukink, of Holland, the 1990 Nissan winner, launching an attack in the company of the American rider. Lance

strong approaching the

Sean Yates, the British

The climb through the Coo-

Armstrong.
Breukink dropped Arm-

summit, but Stephen Roche, whom the Irish are backing for victory, came up fast to join the Dutchman. With Anderson leading the chase, Breukink and Roche were caught by the 100-mile mark.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMP-KONSHIP: Group two: Polend 3, Turkey 0; Norway 1, Holland 0. Norway 1, Holland 0.
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Barrow 3, Droyleden 0, Goole 0, Medock
4, Leek 5, Budron 1, Marme 2, Winston 0.
Morecambe 3, Horwich 2; Southport 1,
Hyde 0, Whitley Bey 2 Embey 0 First
division: Bridington Town 1, Affredon 4,
Eastwood 0, Shepshed Alburo 0; Greata 2
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1, Workington 2, Raddiffe Borough 2. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Bradierd 2. West Bromwich

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DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: First round: Abingdon Town 3, Camberley 1, Basrigstoke 3, Walton and Hershem, 0; Boreham Wood 4, Feithern and Hounslow B 1 (see) Chertsey 2, Egham 3 (ast); Cove 0, Hayes 5, Graye Ath 2, Windsor and Elon 3, Harrow Borough 3, Bromley 0, Hennel Herngstead 1, Martow 4, Hendon 7, Hentord 0, Kingstonson 3, Maiden Vale 2; Kingsbury 0, Aldershot Town 1, Leighton 2, Tooling and Mitcham 3; Leyton 2, Chesham Uid 1; Surton United 2, Hitchin 0, Thame 3, Wembley 1, Usbridge 0, Northwood 1; Wokingham 2, Witham 0, GREAT MHLLS LEAGUE: Premier di-OREAT MILLS LEAGUE; Premier di-vision: Cherd 0, Plymouth Argyle 0 (abendoned 45 minutes, ground water-logged) Dawlish 0, Elmore 2; Liskeard 1, Tommoton 1

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round replays: Yeading 5, Ashford Town 2: Hashings 1, Whyteleale 1 (act. replay Monday at Hashings). Monday at Hastings).

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LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 2.
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Parkeston 1. Great Yarmouth 2.
Fakonham 1. Havernif 2. Chatteris 0;
Norwich United 1, Lowestoff 1, Wisbach 3,
Watton 0. Postponed: Haistead v
Brightlangsea. League Cup: Prefilminary
round: Somersham 4, Stanway Town 2.
First division: Cambridge City 6.
Mildenhalf 7, Claron 0. Sudbury Wandarers 5, Downham 5, By City 2; Long Sutton
2, Sweithern 1; Thefford 1, Ipswich
Wanderses 4; Woodbindge 2. Stanway

Rovers 0. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ossett Town 3, Ponte-tract Col 2. Thackley 2, Brigg 0.

McManus punished for errors

BY PHIL YATES

THE weight of expectation of playing at home proved too great a burden for two of Scotland's leading prospects in the first round of the Regal Masters which got under way yesterday.

Alan McManus, a semifinalist in the world championship five months ago, was beaten 5-3 by James Wattana,

No. 5.

third seed.

IN BRIEF **Relay four**

All four members of Britain's junior athletics sprint relay team, which won the world junior men's title in Seoul on Sunday, left London for Havana yesterday to join the senior World Cup team. There had been doubt

all muster

whether all of them would be available to stand in after the team coach, Frank Dick, had been unable to assemble a senior squad.

Enter Agassi

Tennis: Andre Agassi, the Wimbledon champion, will make his first appearance in the Australian Open in January, tournament officials said in Melbourne. The 22-yearold American usually takes the first month of the season off.

Lacrosse: England trounced Canada 13-2 at Berkhamsted yesterday and found little opportunity to practise new set pieces and passing movements planned for the world championships next year.

Palace change

Baskethall: A clash of dates with the World Corporate Games at the National Sports Centre has forced Guildford Kings to bring forward the first leg of their European Cup tie with Limoges next week The first round tie will now be at Crystal Palace on Wednesday (8.0pm) and not on

breaks of 52, 1.14 and 48 but twice missed the crucial last red and a simple blue to a middle pocket in the fourth frame when a 3-1 interval advantage was there for the

Wattana eventually won that frame on the pink for 2-2

of Thailand, and Chris Small, 18, a second-season professional who has already made a positive impression on the circuit, surrendered meekly. 5l, to Neal Foulds, the world Although Small, one of four

wild card invitees into the 12man invitation tournament, never seriously threatened to cause an upset, McManus had a number of opportunities to secure a quarter-final place against Jimmy White, the McManus led 2-1 following

McManus: burden

FOOTBALL

On the other hand, Foulds will be happy with a solid

display much needed after his elimination from the qualifying rounds of two overseas ranking events at Blackpool earlier in the month. RESULTS: First round: N Foul C Small (Scott, 5-1, J Waltena McManus (Scott), 5-8

Crucible.

his debut.

FOR THE RECORD

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AMERICAN LEAGUE New York Yankees 5, Deftod Tigers 5 (12 arrangs); New York Yankees 7, Detroil Tigers 4, Cleveland Inciens 4, Boston Red Sox 2, Miseouline Biswers 3, Caliconal Arractos 3; Naness City Royals 3, Seattle Marmers 0, Mannesota Terns 1, Texas Rengers 0 (13 innings). Toronto Blue Jeys 4, Baltimore Orioles 3

BOWLS

WORTHING: Woolwich Open tourna-ment: Patrix Fouth round: In Partingon and R Flower 21, L Thompson and R Orlley 15; A Keeling; and 3 Hopgood 21, D Mountan and R Ware 15; A Parsons and B Clarks 22, M Richardson and P Gaysmark 21: M Parker and P Faultine 22. M Harson and J Shebottom 21; C Robusson and J Groom 20, R King and A Kinapp 16, D Wood and J Chubb 32; G Ashdown and J Hoddles 14, E Stobbs 32; G Ashdown and J Hoddles 14, E Stobbs 32; G Ashdown and J Hoddles 21, O Over and D Over 20; I Red and P Brown 27, R Hoghes and R Pator 7: R Rebers and D Thomas 24, K Langfeld and B Lamport 10; A Spanow and G Rus 26, D Widdman and T Pullin 14. J Battell and Lamport 10; A Spanow and G Rus 26, D Warssein and P Kidoly 25, G Prati and C Garther 7: D Moore and E White 26, M Tomberry and A Tidby 20, D Head and D Lawrence 24, J Pye and K Andrews, 10, J Crabb and J Searle 24, J Lee and M Peene 16.

CYCLING PRELAND: Nissen International Classic: Stage 1 (Dubtin-Dundalk, 112.3 miles): 1, W Nelisen (Bel), 4th 52min 50sec; 2, P Anderson (Aus.), 3, Nan der Poel (Hall; 4, H Redant (Bel), 5, 7 Albela (Mes); 8, W Engeltrecht (SA); 7. A Tchrall (ClSt; 8. S Sunderland (Aus), 9. C Capelle (Fr), 10, H Frison (Bel), all same time. Overall classifi-cetion (including borusas); 1. Nelssen, 4.S2-30, 2. Anderson, all 4sec. 3, Van der Poel, 6: 4. Engeltrecht, 7. S. M Earley (Re), 7: 6. Redant, 8. 7. F Ancheu (US), same time, 8, Alcale, 10: 9. Tchrall, 10, Sunder-land, both same time Other: 14. S Fully (re), 10; 20, D Rayner (GB), 10 Sprints: 1. Redant, Both 22 Engeltracht, 6: J. Earley, 5: Mountains: 1, E Braubrik (Nein), 67pts, 2. S Hoche (Ire), 10; 3, S. Moreels (Bel), 8. Team classification: 1, Tulp. 14:37 30; 2, Sanyo-7MK, 3, Parassonic, all same time

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RUGBY UNION

DALY MAIL SCHOOLS CUP: Union-19: Campan 52, Caders Upper 8; Bristol GS 57, Royal Forest of Dean College 3; St John's Southsee 12, Chichester HS 13

FOXTURES FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Manchesier Cey v Barnslev (6 45): Notro Forest v Newcasile (7,00): Sheffledt Lid v Bolton (7,30), Stokev Luerpool (7,00): Wolverhampton v Sheffledt Wed (7,00) Second division: Scunitorpe v Deiby (7,00) NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Bristol City (7.15).

FA TROPHY: First qualitying round replay Providence Magazin v Farnam. OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: International match: Scot-land v England (Aberdson). CYCLING: Nissan Classic (Ireland). GOLP: Men's home internationals (Plest-wick); Wagadow Women's Brisch Open (Mobium); Golf Foundation qualitying round (Mast Kilonde) SMOCKER: (Motherwell).

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PARIS-BELJING RALLY: 18th stage: 1 K Shincoka (Japan), Mitsubshi 1hi 36mn 52sec of penaliss; 2 B Waldegard 15ves, Caroen, Beec; 3, H Aunol (Fr), Circen, 51 4, B Saby (Fr), Missubshi, 3 39: 5, E Weber (Garl, Missubshi, 4 30: 6, P Larigus (Fr) Caroen, 7-28 Overall: 1, Larigue, 27th 55min 40sec of penaliss, Weber, at 115/02, 3, Saby, 1/35/31; 4, Shincouka, 157/22, 5, Auriol, 4,34/07; 6, Waldegard, 8/24/42.

LACROSSE BIFOCHAMSTED: International England 13, Canada 2 SQUASH RACKETS

JOHANNESBURG: World Open champ-tonship: First round; Jansher Khen (Pak) bt J Bonetat (Ft), 15-9, 15-9, 15-10 C Datmar (Aus.) bt A HM (Aus.), 13-15 15-13, 15-5, 15-(Aug.) bt A Hill (Aug.), 13-15, 15-13, 15-5, 15-11; T Nancarrow (Aug.) bt M Food (SA) 15-10; 15-7, 15-9 Second round: S Elopuro (Fin) bt C Walker (Eng.), 11-15, 15-8, 15-14, 17-16, A Addraga, (Sp) bt R Norman (N2), 15-8, 15-9, 15-4, B Martin (Aug.) bt M Carlyon (Aug.), 15-10, 15-5, 15-11, R Eyles (Aug.) bt T Nancarrow (Aug.), 15-12, 15-7, 15-4; Jonsher Khan (Pakastari) bt T Hends (Eng.), 15-3, 15-11, 15-10

TABLE TENNIS

MALMO: Europeen League: Super divi-eion: Sweden 4, England 1 (English names inst). Chen Xinhua lost to J Persson. 16:21-15: 11:21. C. Prean all P Karlsson. 21:18, 21-17: M Syed lost to J Waldner, 8-21. 12-21. Prean and A Coole lost to Karlsson and T Won Scheele, 21:16, 16:21, 13-21: Prean lost to Persson. 19-21, 14-21.

TENNIS

TOKYO: Women's tournament: First round: A Costee (SA) bt H Nagano (Japan), 6-4, 4-6, 8-2; k Daie (Japan) bt S Soane-Lundy (US), 6-0, 6-1; S Stafford (US) bt L Field (Aus., 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, ft Whate (US) bt J Richardson (M2), 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 8-3, 8-4, Majorius bt M Javer (GB), 6-3, 6-3, 8-3, 8-4, Majorius bt M Javer (GB), 6-3, 6-1, 18-4, 1

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Faeroe Islands and Lithuania do themselves proud in World Cup qualifiers

Czechs end Welsh hopes of a shock

WELSH hopes of a shock win by the Faeroe Islands in Czechoslovakia lasted until the 86th minute of the group four qualifier yesterday in the east-ern city of Kosice. The Czechs. who are in the same group as Wales eventually won 4-0 but only with the help of three goals in the final five minutes. Vaclav Nemecek had put them ahead in the 24th minute but it was over an hour

before the hosts scored again through Kuka from Moravcik's cross. Kuka was on target again in the 87th minute. Dubovsky's lastminute penalty completed Czechoslovakia's victory.

Denmark, who have yet to win a game since their Euro-pean Championship triumph in June, failed again in Vilnius yesterday. The Danish mid-field player, Kim Christofte, even missed a penalty as his country drew 0-0 with Lithua-nia in a group three game. nia in a group three game.

The second goalless draw for the Danes against a Baltic team, following the game in Latvia last month, left the Republic of Ireland still clear group leaders with maximum points from two games.

Christofte, who plays for Cologne in Germany, was fouled inside the area and took the penalty kick himself. But his shot was saved by Martinkenas, who flung his body in the way of the shot. The Danes had plenty of possession and showed more

enterprise but were unable to break down a well organized Lithuanian defence. The Danish forwards showed little sign of improving on their lamentable performance against Latvia and became ragged in the second half. Their best chances were missed by players with English connections.

The former Luton Town forward, Lars Elstrup, came closest to scoring in the second half, blasting the ball just wide after a pass from Kim Vilfort

THE Professional Footballers'

Association (PFA) yesterday

ry Fry. to lift the suspension

and cancel the fines imposed

on two of his players by the club chairman. Stan

Duncan Horton, the dub

captain, and Kenny Lowe incurred Flashman's fury after

comments they made in a

that tickets issued to Barnet

were offered to supporters by



Smiling again: Paul Gascoigne, the England midfield player, training with his new club, Lazio, yesterday afternoon before their match with Tottenham Hotspur in Rome. In typical fashion, Gascoigne put Lazio ahead after ten minutes

had left the Lithuanians out of position. John Jensen released by Arsenal from their Coca-Cola Cup tie against Millwall on Tuesday, had missed an open goal in the 42nd minute. The midfield player blazed the ball over the bar from inside the area with Martinkenas helpless on the ground.

Lithuania, the best side of the three newly-independent

The PFA confirmed play-

ers have the freedom to speak

to the press." Fry said. "The

matter is now resolved and both Horton and Lowe will

Before the start of the season

the Barriet players threatened

to strike and demanded to be

put on the transfer-list en bloc

when Flashman refused

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Baltic republics, were more positive in attack than Latvia and had two good chances themselves. Late in the first half Viktoras Oishanskis broke clear of the Danish defence but his low shot from the edge of the area was deflected to safety by the legs of the Manchester United goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel.

Seville: Diego Maradona's

new club, Sevilla, has con-

firmed that the Argentinian

would make his debut in a

money-spinning match

against the German league

leaders, Bayern Munich, on

The player's agent, Marco Franchi, said the match would

make the club about £1.2

million. The television rights

alone have been sold for

The Spanish club, which is

also negotiating a multi-mil-

lion pound sponsorship deal with a soft drinks company

following the signing, has brought its weekend league

match against Logrones for-

ward to Saturday from Sun-day to facilitate the match on

almost £900,000.

Monday.

caught off his line in the 54th minute a Danish defender had to head off the line from Audrius Zhuta's chip. The result piled more agony on to Danish coach Richard Moeller Nielsen, whose side lost 2-1 to Germany earlier this month in a friendly re-run of the European champion-

prepared to defy the clause in

his contract with Sevilla not to

criticise football's governing bodies. He told Italian tele-

vision: "I will never sign an

agreement which prevents me

His remarks, which inclu-

ded further criticism of the

Napoli club president,

Corrado Ferlaino, followed

the conclusion of protracted

and turbulent negotiations in

Zurich on Tuesday, where the

Italian chib accepted a £4.5

million offer from Sevilla for

eming body, mediated the deal, which should end Maradona's 21-month ab-

sence from the game. But its secretary general, Josef Blat-

Maradona.

from speaking my mind."

en Latvia 2-1 and pulled off a surprise 2-2 draw away to Northern Ireland in between losing to Albania 1-0 in previous qualifying games.

in Budapest, a crowd of less than three thousand saw Hungary and Israel complete another goalless draw in a friendly match. They gave the small crowd little to cheer. A

show that he is worth all that

we, the football family, have

done for him.

He must let his talent

explode on the pitch and stop

making negative and offen-

sive remarks against football

leaders, at club, federation

A draft agreement between

the clubs included a clause on

Maradona's behaviour.

"Maradona must understand

that there are not only sport-

ing rules, but also regulations

in civil and private life,"

But only hours later,

Maradona criticised Ferlaino.

a favourite target of his, accus-

ing him of breaking a promise

made in 1989 to allow the

player move to Marseilles, of

Blatter said.

and international level."

Hungarians and several for Israel kept both goalkeepers busy, but play was otherwise

Kiprich came close for Hungary in the second minute, and the home goalkeeper, Balag, just stopped a shot by Tikva in the 15th minute. A goal by Loerincz five minutes from the end was denied for

Sevilla to cash in on Maradona "President Ferlaino promised me the day after the Uefa Cup

> trophy, he would let me go to Marseilles, who had made a good offer. But we know what that produced." His subsequent behaviour. including turning up late at training, was the result of Ferlaino not keeping his promise, Maradona said in

semi-final that, if we won the

the interview. "I am not going back to Napoli because one of us had to go," he said. The former Argentina cap-tain, who completed a 15month suspension for cocaine use this summer, vowed to return to full fitness. "Every-body believes that I'm only at 20 per cent of my ability and consider me finished because

they say I'm too fat.

"Bur I will prove on the playing field that I can play like before. I have always

surprised people, I and will do Maradona's physical in-structor, Javier Valdecantos, agreed that the road ahead was tough for the player, who turns 32 next month. "Diego

will need three months to reach the level necessary for competition," Valdecantos said in Seville. "It will be hard to reach the 100 per cent level of the World Cup in Mexico in 1986, but I

per cent without too many problems," It should be enough to see him return to the international scene. Alfio Basile, the Argentina manager, has al-

TCCB dishes up £5,000 fine to Lamb

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ALIAN Lamb's public por-trayal of the Pakistanis as ball-doctoring cheats brought him a £5,000 fine yesterday from the disciplinary committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB). Lamb's accusation had been

geous, crusading and cynical malpractice. The committee sitting in judgment yesterday left no doubt as to its opinion. The £5,000 fine imposed on Lamb equalled the stiffest handed out by the TCCB. Mike Gatting was fined the same amount in 1988 for unauthorised comments in a

book about the row between

variously viewed as coura-

him and Shakoor Rana, the Pakistani umpire. Lamb was also ordered to pay £1,000 as costs of his hearing and, when added to the £2,000 fine and two-match suspension already enforced by his county, Northamptonshire, his is the heaviest punishment of its kind cricket has

Last night, Lamb was ur-gently considering an appeal to the Cricket Council but. while he ponders, officialdom should brace itself for further public outrage over what many will translate as punishing a man twice for one

technical offence.

There is a widely held conviction, not without some justification, that Lamb is being pilloried for telling the unpalatable truth on an issue that has had the game's ruling bodies, both national and international, running embarrassingly for the cover of

It is now more than a month since the Texaco Trophy match at Lord's which prompted Lamb, for whatever motive, to speak out in the Daily Mirror, accusing the Pakistan bowlers of having tampered with match balls the summer. A the ball had been changed at Lord's, for reasons still unexplained by the International

Cricket Council, Lamb's tim-

ing seemed perfect. But, as he had also inferred, the same weekend, that he would not be in the England tour party this been his only motivation.

The Daily Mirror has prolonged the story remorselessly, if at times ludicrously, but Lamb's solicitor, Alan Herd told the tribunal yesterday that his client was not paid for the revelations. He also, rather ambiguously, said that any money which did accrue was to be paid to the Cystic Fibrosis

Herd, in confirming the possibility of an appeal, complained that the match refer ee's and umpires' reports on the Lord's incident were not made available, either before or during the hearing. His point is evidently that they would prove that Lamb had truth on his side in his

This, however, overlooks the TCCB's emphasis yesterday that it did not take the degree of truth into account when deciding on Lamb's sentence. He has not, significantly, been punished for bringing the game into disrepute, only for disregarding the TCCB regu-lation that forbids players from making unauthorised public statements.

The nine-man tribunal chaired by Lancashire's Eddie Slinger, one of three legal men on the committee, sat for almost three hours before issuing judgment and condemning Lamb for "a deliber ate and flagrant breach of regulations". Its statement added that Lamb's "previous exemplary record" was taken into account, possibly saving

him from further suspension. Lamb is saying nothing, other than through his solicitor and, perhaps, the Daily Mirror. He has three options: swallow the medicine, go to the permanent job in South Africa with which Western Province are apparently tempting him.

French given early view of Springboks

By CHRIS THAU

ALL 45 players in the French international squad will play against the South Africans during the early matches of their nine-match rugby union tour of France, it was announced in Paris yesterday.

"What we are trying to do is to see in action all the players who took part in the summer tours to Argentina and Zimbabwe. We'll also want to see the players who have been asked to take a summer break, in other words Selia. Mesnel and Lafond, as well as those who return after suspension, Lascube, Rournat, Benazzi



Mesnel: comeback bid

and company." Christophe Mombet, the French assistant coach, said. In the first match of the tour

in Bordeaux, Gerome Cazalbou, the Toulouse scrum half, captains a powerful French Espoir — a shadow French XV with nine full internationals, including the Parisian flanker, Xavier Blond, and the centre, Mesnel, who is making 5 3 comeback after missing the tour to Argentina. His former partner and captain, Philippe Sella leads an equally-strong Aquitaine side that includes the 'reformed trio' Lascube (sent off in the five nations" Roumat (sent off against New Zealand in the centenary series) and Benazzi (sent off in a French championship game, as well as the Argentine tour players, Christian Coeurveille and Philippe Bernat-Salles, who won their first caps this

Fabien Galthie, the international scrum half, will captain a strong Mid-Pyrenees in Toulouse in the third game. It will feature among others the former nigby league defector. stated as an amateur.

one gold he hasn't got but I

don't think the world title

means a thing now - the

Roddan puts the blame on

the International Amateur

Athletic Federation president.

Primo Nebiolo, saying: "It seems it's only Mr Nebiolo

who wants two-yearly world

championships. He's trying to

make them bigger than the

Olympics, but the event is

Havana "Linford won this

title in Barcelona three years

Roddan, though, is confi-

dent of Christie's chances in

being devalued."

Olympics are what count."

ter, said: "Maradona must He told the Italia 1 network: Forest miss out on Blanc

hopes of signing Laurent Blanc on loan have been scuppered by the player enter-ing into a similar agreement with Nimes. He will shortly leave Napoli to join the French club until the end of the season, after which he is expected to make the short move to sign for Olympique Marseilles, the French

Ronnie Fenton, Forest's assistant manager confirmed his club's interest in Blanc. 26, who, it was hoped, might sign permanently next season. Having sold two central defenders, Des Walker and son, Forest were eager to sign the French international sweeper, who was formerly with Montpellier.

Forest are bottom of the Premier League, but NImes are in a similar position, one place off the foot of the French first division. They made their move after Blanc's proposed transfer to Paris St Germain had fallen through earlier this month and negotiations are now apparently at an ad-vanced stage. Blanc - who has been on Napoli's transferlist since the start of the season - has made no secret of his dissatisfaction with the Italian rules permit only three foreign players in a team at one time. Toulouse, the one club be low Nimes in the French first division, have forced their coach, Viktor Zvunka, to resign after a ballot by the players. Fifteen out of 16 players voted to demand his

The club's president, Andre Labatut, who has threatened to resign, said: "It was a real coup. The players have taken the club hostage by refusing to train and play against Paris St Germain on Friday. I'm disgusted by those brats. They've had the guts to vote against their coach. They should have

think he can reach 70 or 80

ready expressed his interest at seeing Maradona back at the

Prost to test-drive Williams

club, who have an excess of foreign players. (talian League

ALAIN Prost was reassured vestertiay about his chances of leading the Williams-Renault team in the Formula One motor racing world championship next year (Norman Howell writes). It was disclosed that he will test-drive for the team at Estoril on Tuesday, two days after the Portuguese grand prix.

The Frenchman will be driving a modified version of the FW14 - in which Nigel Mansell won the world championship — with narrower, 15-inch tyres, to conform to the specifications for the 1993 world championship. Williams will have another car at the test session, probably to be driven by Damon Hill. The news will come as a

relief to Prost, 38, the three-

times world champion. His chances of driving for Williams in 1993 seemed to be

Even though he had signed a contract with Williams in February, the availability of Ayrton Senna had made his prospects less secure. It was said that Frank Williams, the head of the team, and others were keen to have the younger and faster Brazilian in the team after the resignation of

Prost has taken a year off following his dismissal from Ferrari. His testing of the car does not automatically mean he will be driving it next year. it may just be that his contract includes testing and that Williams is using Prost, a brilliant test driver, for as long as it can.

And it does not exclude the possibility that Williams has found a way of making Prost accept Senna as a ream-mate.

Martin Brundle, the most likely other driver to be offered a seat with Williams, has not yet been optioned by Williams, which may point to Williams and Patrick Head, his technical director, trying to sign Senna in addition to

Prost will relish his first chance of driving a car with active suspension; it will be interesting to see how he compares the Williams with other championship-winning

The Italian Fondmetal Ford. team has withdrawn from the Portuguese grand prix Christie will lead the British hecause of financial problems. Christie will lead the British men's team into the three-day

Roddan critical of demands

LINFORD Christie's coach. Ron Roddan, yesterday criticised the overcrowded athletics championship schedule which has forced the Olympic champion to run through the pain barrier in Havana

Ron Roddan believes the World Cup team event in Cuba is a "waste of time" and should not have been scheduled to take place at the end of an exhausting Olympic summer that has taken its toll on leading athletes.

He is also angry that international officials keep placing more unfair demands on the world's leading performers by increasing the congestion of the global fixture list.

competition tomorrow in the 100 metres suffering from severe back and hamstring pain, while many of his senior colleagues have opted to ignore the event because of injury, iliness and weariness.

This meeting is just a waste of time really." Roddan said. "It's simple - there's just too much competition and they keep asking too much of the

"It's ridiculous. We've got a world championships every two years now instead of every four; in 1994, we've got the Europeans and Common-wealths in the space of a couple of weeks, and now they're talking about staging the European Cup every year."
"Linford wants to run the

ago - and I expect him to do just what he has to do to world championships in Stutt-



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Pocket guide to a small change

The last of the pre-decimal coins is going to a

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MPs debating the economy today : the pound in our pockets is about to shrink yet again. Not because of another body-blow from speculators on the exchanges, but because the Royal Mint is to introduce at the end of the month a new streamlined ten pence piece, scarcely half the weight of the one which has been wearing holes in pockets for 143 years.

In itself, this is a trivial milestone — just one more small step in the inexorable progress of the pound towards invisibility. Any time now we shall have to start handling our change with tweezers. But the disappearance of the old 10p, the former florin, has a certain historic resonance, for it marks the end of the old predecimal coinage.

Regular mental arithmetic over that ripe duodecimalvigesimal miscellany was the exercise that gave the Victorians the brain power to run the empire. Ironically, the florin, one tenth of a sovereign, was originally introduced as part



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of an early project to decimalise that ancient chaos of twenty shillings, twelve pence and four farthings. It got off to a bad start: the first version did not carry the timehonoured abbreviation "Dei Gratia" ("by grace of God"). An outbreak of cholera soon after its appearance was blamed on the "Godless florin". The coin was hastily redesigned, and the head of the Royal Mint resigned. Yet the florin has outstayed

all its contemporaries, with their more affectionate nicknames - bobs, ha'pennies joeys, tanners and the rest. It has come through all this century's devaluations and debasements, though with a grotesquely diminished purchasing power. In the mid-1960s it was worth as much as today's shrunken pound; its godless original in 1849 was worth £3.73 at 1992

Once it has been withdrawn, nothing will be circulating any longer that is older than 1971. It will be the final stroke in the radical erosion that inflation has made on the entertainment value of our small change. Nobody has succeeded in fastening a nickname on any of the ephemeral items in today's coinage.

While the florin survives, there is at least a theoretical chance of finding in one's change a polished piece of silver stamped with the shaggy image of a monarch who lived generations ago; perhaps even with the profile of the young Victoria, burnished almost to invisibility and far more beautiful than it ever was when fresh. The old coins had a momentous air corresponding to their original value - well-crafted metal substantial enough to weigh down the eyelids of corpses

Their dates made each one an everyday chronicle of its coeval events - wars, coronations, Crystal Palaces, grandparents' dates of birth. No wonder educationalists lament the fact that today's pupils leave school with such a hazy grasp of history. What incentive today have children to learn history, when there is no history in their pocket?

GEORGE HILL

A crucible for Major's mettle

As Parliament assembles, John Grigg recalls great dramatic moments in the chamber

ohn Major faces his most severe test today in the place where political reputations Though presumably in no imminent danger of being brought down, he has to repair his damaged reputation and not allow John Smith to win the argument. Never, since he became prime minister at

an unusually early age, has the challenge to his intelligence and character been so daunting. As he prepares for the ordeal, he may reflect on the way others have managed to dominate the House of Commons. The big parliamentary occasions

have always commanded intense public interest, and now we can watch them on television. Such occasions take different forms, of which the most significant are these setpiece contests between party leaders on general policy; confidence debates on particular issues. involving either the prime minister or one of his or her colleagues; statements by ministers

who have resigned in dramatic circumstances; and, most rarely, speeches that focus sentiment inside and outside Parliament, contributing powerfully to a national

In the last category the outstand-ing example is the speech by Sir Edward Grey, the Liberal foreign secretary, on August 3, 1914, which was described by Lord Hugh Cecil, a political opponent, as "the greatest speech delivered in our time or for a very long period". For this occasion the House was crowded, as for Gladstone's introduction of Irish home rule a generation earlier, with extra seats provided on the floor. (There were more MPs then, because the whole of Ireland was represented.) The speech lasted about an hour.

and according to H.H. Asquith, the prime minister, writing to Venetia Stanley, it was "for the most part almost conversational in tone and with some ... ragged ends; but extraordinarily well reasoned and tactful and really cogent". While he was speaking, G.M. Trevelyan says, "it became apparent for the first time that almost the whole House approved" of British participation in the war. The previous evening Grey had prepared a few notes, but essentially he let his words "look after themselves". A comparable speech, though on

a less momentous occasion, was Stanley Baldwin's after the abdication of Edward VIII. Like Grey, he spoke from notes, which in his case got muddled at times, but he held the House spellbound. Harold Nicolson wrote in his diary that the silence was "broken only by the reporters in the gallery scuttling away to telephone the speech paragraph by paragraph." Among resignation speeches,

probably the best this century was Duff Cooper's when he resigned from Neville Chamberlain's cabinet in protest against the Munich agreement. Unlike Anthony Eden's resignation speech at the begin-ning of the same year (1938), Duff Cooper's was entirely clear, as well as eloquent and devastating. He spoke for nearly three-quarters of an hour without notes, ending:

"I have ruined, perhaps, my political career. But that is a little matter, I have retained something which is to me of greater value - I can still walk about the world with my head erect."

Confidence debates have often

As the prime minister looks back to great parliamentary jousts he should conclude that the key to success has always been courage

> decided the fate of governments. In May 1918 Lloyd George faced a deadly threat to his war leadership when General Sir Frederick Maurice wrote to the press to say that Parliament had been misled about the strength of the British Army in France before the Germans' spring Choosing to treat Asquith's call

for a select committee as a vote of censure, Lloyd George routed his opponents with a speech that was a triumph more of personality than of honest argument.

An even more lateful confidence debate followed the Norwegian

campaign in May 1940. From this Chamberlain emerged with a majority, but one so reduced that he felt obliged to resign. At first he honed to be able to form a more broadly based coalition, but Labour refused to serve under him. As a result, Winston Churchill became prime minister, though his succession was by no means inevitable. In the debate he had to answer

for the disastrous campaign in Norway, for which, indeed, his responsibility was substantial. But Lloyd George, in the last important speech of his career, said Churchill should not "allow himself to be converted into an air-raid shelter to prevent the splinters from hitting his colleagues". (This phrase has been echoed during the past week by Mr Major or his spokesmen in connection with Norman Lamont.)

There was a notable confidence debate in September 1949, when the postwar Labour government was forced to devalue the pound. The star of the debate was Aneurin Bevan, who lambasted the Tories while skilfully exploiting the anti-Tory past of their leader, Churchill. Bevan was a magician with words, and he normally spoke without notes, whereas Churchill, after an early traumatic failure of memory in the House, was dependent on

Seventeen years later another Labour minister, also a Welshman, scored a similar parliamentary triumph. The spy George Blake had escaped from prison and the home secretary, Roy Jenkins, faced a motion of censure. He demol-ished the attack, which he describes himself in his memoirs. A Life at the Centre, as a "most welcome and even glorious relief". At the same time he notes the meretricious aspect of such forensic victories
"Blake had still escaped and was as
far as ever from being
recaptured. I had not

become a better home secretary as a result of the debate."
Margaret Thatcher's

most dangerous moment until she eventually lost the premiership was the Westland debate in 1986. She survived, but her survival was due less to any merits in her own performance than to the defects in Neil Kinnock's. By far her best speech in a confidence debate was her last

speech in the House of Commons as prime minister in 1990. Perhans because she no longer had any-thing to lose — she had already resigned and was acting as caretaker - she put on a rumbustious Prime ministers can usually hold

their own in set-piece confrontations with the Opposition on general policy when they have commanding majorities behind them. But when party strengths are more evenly matched in the House of Commons, and party rancour is running high, a prime minister may have a very tough time. On one day in July 1911 Asquith was denled a hearing in the House of Commons. He stood for half an Commons. He stood for half an hour at the box while opposition MPs velled at him.

Mr Major is unlikely to share that experience, though his position is far from enviable. He no longer has a big majority, and he leads a party that is split on the central issue of policy, as Gladstone's was on home rule. But he is better off than Gladstone, in that the opposition is equally split.
Indeed, the leader of the opposi-

tion is, in reality, his predecessor. But there again he is lucky, because she has made the capital mistake of removing herself from the House of Commons. If she were still an MP his position would be vastly more

As he looks back to great parliamentary jousts in the past, he should conclude that the key to success has always been courage. Those who have prevailed have not all been orators and they have not all had blameless records to defend. But they have all believed in themselves and spoken with an



The great Gladstone: for his 1886 home rule speech extra seats had to be provided in the House

authentic voice. Mr Major is no Lloyd George or Bevan. He is nearer to being a Baldwin, with the same reputation for decency and niceness, and the same admirable parliamentary manners.

Baldwin, however, was also capable of showing steel, and it is steel above all that Mr Major will have to show today. And is there any chance that he will speak from notes rather than from a written text, which is not really a speech at

Please hide your message after the beep

have discovered, I think, the technological equivalent of the gap behind the sofa cushions wherein a wandering hand can come across old half-crowns, phone numbers written on match books of long bankrupt wine bars, gas bills that you swore blind to the man who came to cut you off had been paid, and fluff. It is the front end of the answering machine tape. There are, by tradition, three

great lies. One is that the cheque is in the post, the second that I rang but the phone was engaged and the third is one that, I promise you, you don't want to read over your breakfast kipper. Technology has added to these three, though. Now we have lie number four. "But it went through my fax machine OK"; and number five: "I'm sorry we were cut off — the car must have been going under a bridge."

The most common of the technolies, though, is the one that says that you phoned and left a message on the answering machine. And who can argue with it? Most nontechnical lies - the train was late. the traffic jammed, the shop closed - are provably so if you have the time and effort to do the proving. but machines break down in arbitrary and discrete ways we cannot hope to understand. Answering machines and faxes and computers do go wrong and although we all understand Einstein's maxim about God not playing dice with the universe, and that when the machines break they normally stay broken, we also know that one

errant garbled answering machine

PRIVATE LIFE: John Diamond finds

the ghost in the answering machine

denly pop up in a hundred good But like everyone I have used these lies. And equally 1

suppose that I've always assumed that when people have told me that they left messages on my machine which I've never received they were covering up for laziness or embar-

rassment or forgetfulness. Until yesterday when I needed a tape to record an interview on and found I was fresh out of cassettes. The only cassette around, in fact, was the one in my answering machine and so I whipped it out, put it in my tape recorder and rewound it. It went on fast-rewinding for minutes, which given that there should only have been a couple of minutes worth of messages on the tape was strange, and

so I pressed the play button. Well, just tell me about the path not travelled! One of the wackier scientific theories postulates that if the universe is infinitely large then it must contain an infinite number of parallel Earths in it, each with an infinite number of parallel John Diamonds, each of them taking the options that I have chosen not to take. At the further reaches of the

lel John Diamond who is still teaching drama in a girl's John Diamond in cerise loon pants, a parallel John Diamond, I suppose, who came off his parallel motorbike in 1972 and is lying six feet under in some parallel grave.

Contained on this tape, then, was my parallel diary for the last six months or so. Buried behind the sofa cushions of my life were dozens of calls that I'd never heard. Presumably at some time, and when I was away from home for long enough for a good solid stock of messages to pile up, the machine had issued some sort of bleep to which the tape subsequently returned each time I rewound it and behind which lay my parallel life. There was a job offer from a magazine that has since gone bust, some threatening calls from a reader to whom I'd made the mistake of replying on my own headed paper rather than that of The Times, a call pregnant with promise from a woman I went out with briefly and unsuccessfully a couple of years ago, some calls from various of those once-in-a-while friends whose turn it was. I'd decided, to phone me, and too many ethereal bits of sofa-cushion fluff from insurance salesmen and PR companies to count. And all of them assumed, as I

would have assumed, that when they'd consigned their message to the machine It was as good as telling me face to face. I was immediately consumed by a desperate desire to phone them all up, insurance brokers and all, and say to them: "You know you called me six months ago and said how about a drink, and I never returned your call? Well it seems that what happened was that..." I needed them to know that it was nothing personal but that they had, by some technological fluke, intruded on the private life of a parallel John Diamond, an oafish boor of a man who didn't return his phone calls but who was nothing to do with me.

Except what would you think if you were one of those callers and I told you that? I could only imagine they would believe that my life had become suddenly transformed by some sadness that forced me to beg forgiveness from and establish contact with acquaintances who I had purposefully ignored for six months. It hasn't, I promise you. But if you did phone me sometime in March and I never got back to you, you know why. And if you didn't phone me I would suggest that you go now and take the tape cassette out of your own machine and run it through an ordinary recorder. Because technology means you never know who you might have been insulting.



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Rarbican Half Silk Street, London ECZ SIOSHAN DAVIES DANCE contemporary choreographers, Siobhan Davies presents the world souran Davies presents the world premiere of two new works. The first is Write Bird Featherless, using the music of irish composer Gerald Barry, who has restructured sequences from his opera, The Intelligence Park, for two panos and counter-tenor. The other new work & Make Make, performed to a vocal score based on the sounds and The Tramway, Albert Drive, Glasg (041-227 5511), tonight-Sat, 8pm. GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: Glyndebourne Festival Opera's sister company makes its London debut, 24 rears after its formation. The repertoire which will tour nationwide fol winch wat four nationwide todowing its London opening, brings two revivals of GFO productions: Peter Half's Le nozze of Figaro (directed by Stephen Medcalf who recently staged English Touring Opera's new Don Giovanni) and John Cox's staging of the Strawnisy opera, The Rake's Progress (with Anne

☐ AMPHIBIANS: Superb ensemble playing in Billy Roche's robust elegy for a fishing community in Wesford. The Pft, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm, 130mms.

DEATH AND THE MAIDER AND

Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downse, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast.
Duke of York's, 5t Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mms.

FROM A LACK TO A KING: Withy

the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Subes songs. Ambassadors, West Street, London WCC (071-836 6111), Mon-Thurs,

GAMBLERS: Oleg Menshirov, Mark

Rylance, Phil Daniels in superbly staged production of Gogol's "sting" drama. Tricycle, 269 Kilbum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sai, 8pm, mrt

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faconating voice dominates a generally low-key production Riverside Studios, Crap Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

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social responsibility.

Aladonai (tyttleton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Sat, 7-30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm, 100mins.

THE PLANS IN THE FAMILY: Larks III

the hospital common room; matri outraged; doctors flumnicaed. Re Cooney larce with lots of laughs. **Playttouse, Northumberland Avenue** WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-fri, 8pm,

Set, 8.30pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 135mms.

NEW RELEASES

Daldry's astonishingly powerful resurrection of Priestley's drama of

from grief to revenge: engressing production of Euripides. Clate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 105mins.

ins. (Sold out for complete run.)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertalnment compiled by Kari Knight

Dawson, Barry Banks, John Hall and Steven Page) Nárolaus Lefinhoff's production of Katya Kabanova by Janàček (with Susan Bullock as Katya) competes the bill.
Sadier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue,
London EC1 (071-278 8916), Katya
Kahanowa opens tomotic, 7.15pm, Le
nozze di Figarro opens Oct 6; The Rake's

s mens Oct. 17. HALLE ONCHESTRA: The latented and energetic Arrencan conductor Kern Nagano, newly appointed as the Halle's music director, should go some way towards helping to restore the fortunes of the Manchester orchestra. In his second concert this season he conducts Mahler's Symphony No 9. Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30pm. WHO SHALL I BE TOMORROW?:

Joanna Lumley plays an Out-of-work actress doing the rounds in Bernard Kops's two-hander. With Harry Lands. Greenwich, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (081-858 7755) Previews from tonight, 7 45pm; opens Sept 29, 7pm. KENNY WHEELER QUANTET: A regular fixture on the British jazz scene the Canadian trumpeter and

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats availab

Seats at all prices

■ MEDEA: Diana Rigg gives a cool, distancing interpretation in Euripides's revenge drama. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm.

El MIMBER BY MISADVENTURE Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play come writers who fall out and pxt their wicked wits against each other run-of-the-mill thriter. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats. Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 120mins.

ETTHE ORDIPUS TRILOGY: So-hour production of the Sophocles tragedies with an hour meal break after Oedipus twinn an nour meal treats are despited Tyrannos), Interesting performances, notably by Gerard Murphy and John . Shrapnel, Intriguling settings but cunously unitrolving, Barbican, SB: Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 4.30pm (ands 10.45pm).

Next performance: Oct. 1. CI PARLADEUNIA, HERE I COMEL Brian Friel's affectionate comedy of an Irish emigrant and his carring after ago. A revival to be cherished. Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-fri, Spm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mms.

IN THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE MY THE MOSE AND WALL OF UTFILE VOKCE: Terriffic performance by Alison Steamun as the raucous statuen in Jim Cartwright's play about creams, shyness and horrible mothers. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, 150mins, Transfers to the Aldmark on October 1. ch on October 14. SHADES: Fasing Colles for

as SMADEsc Pasitive Cottes form between her child, murt and manhend in Sharman Maccionald's disappoenting new play; only sporadically absorberg. Albery, St Marbin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), Mon-Sat, 80m, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins, Patrota, Hodge takes over from October 5.

(*) SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat. 4pm. 90mins.

fluegelhorn player has long been an underrated sideman to many established European groups. In more recent times

ter his entergies as a major juzz composer and impercable performer, able to work comfortably in scored and improvised Settings. A fine player, well worth seeing. Jazz Café, Parkway, London NW1

DRAWN FROM LIFE: Martin Shorts's

first one-main show consists of agreeable drawings and prints of London landmarks, plus drawn records

of National Trust restorations at Ciwedon, Calke Abbey and Biddulph Range, The show marks the opening of

a newly restored Sutton House, Hackney, renovated by the Trust as an East End arts centre. It is full of historic

East End arts centre. It is 148 of historic 16th-century interfors and also boasts a new gallery and concert hall. Section House, 2 and 4 Homerton High Street, London ES (081-986 2264). Gallery. Wied-Sun, 11.30am-5.30pm, house: Wied and Sun only, same hours.

LESUE GESON (1910-1969): This

year's main Salisbury Festival exhibits is devoted to a minor but interesting

is devoted to a minor our inversion; arrist with strong local connections. Gibson spent the last 20 years of his life living in Stapleford and running the Stapleford Studio. Before that he had ravelled widely, and though known mainly as a landscape painter he had also painted, drawn and etched extensions, or other female.

aso painting, orann and euroes edensively in other forms. Sallisbury Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury (0722 332151). Mon-Saf, 10am-5pm, Sun, during Festival 2-5pm, until Dec 5.

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◆ WHITE SANDS (15), The FBI, black marketeers and a small-rown cop chase each other's tads in New Mesoco. An impenetrable plot, but lively. Willem Datole, Mickey Routle; director, Roger Donaldson. MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2638) MGM Haymarket (071-339 1527) MGM Trocaders (071-434 0031) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

OPERA

Stripped down and fighting fit

THE threat of a nearby bomb caused the curtain to rise almost an hour late on the revival of Bellini's Capuleti. But the Royal Opera has shrugged off similar disruption before now: on just such a night, Ileana Cotrubas made her triumphant debut in Traviata.

The principal casualty was the scenery, much of which could not be moved into the house in time. Some would claim this an advantage. Pier Luigi Pizzi's gloomy setting of the Romeo and Juliet story, shorn of its marble pillars, moved considerably faster than once it did. The only real loss was a tomb for Juliet in the final scene.

Those missing a little masonry would be forced to admit that the young lovers, sung by Anne Sofie von Otter and Amanda Roocroft, are as strikingly handsome a pair as Covent Garden has fielded in this opera. In Bellini - whose version is a long, long way after Shakespeare — they are not so much star-cross'd as killed by their elders. At the final curtain the accusing fingers point at Capellio (Mark Beesley), Juliet's father. But the bungling of Lorenzo (alias Friar Laurence) is just as much to blame, as Alastair Miles shows in a deverty judged and

admirably sung performance. Otter in the travesti role of Romeo makes her first entrance with the athletic stride and blond good looks of the captain of a winning school XI leading the team out onto the field.

THE Soho Poly Theatre's old premises

in Riding House Street was everything

a Fringe venue was expected to be in

the pioneering days, those days of hope

and thrill that followed the end of

censorship. On a Thursday in Septem-

ber 1968 the Lord Chamberlain

ceased to blue-pencil plays and the

following evening, at the premiere of

the audience danced in the aisles.

I Capuleti ed i Montecchi Covent Garden

The gold medallion complements the image, although perhaps the chic black velvet nunic does not.

She has all the military vigour for Romeo's cabaletta "La tremenda ultrice spada" as Romeo confronts the Capulets. Here is an adolescent Romeo passionate about everything. She takes a few vocal risks in these early scenes. especially in the upper register. But none is needed at the close, when Romeo decides to take poison in a lengthy scene where Bellini unashamedly wallows in musical grief: exquisite

pianissimo singing.
Roccroft's fluffy and childlike Julier recalls Gruberovà in the part. Her soprano has put on weight since her Glyndebourne Fiordiligis and she is well able to cope with Bellini's substantial vocal demands. Juliet's melancholy comes at the start in the score's most celebrated number "Oh! quante volte". But Juliet spends quite a lot of her time pleading with one person or another. She is well nigh irresistible. On this showing Roocroft's next stop could well be Donizetti's Lucia.

As last time Keith Lewis is the properly flery Tybalt.



Glulietta (Amanda Roocroft) cradles Romeo (Anne Sofie von Otter)

Daniele Gatti began with a helterskelter overture, possibly from sheer relief at getting the show on the road, but he quickly settled down to proper Bellinian tempi, giving every encouragement to his stars to shape each

phrase. After last season's Puritani, also under Gatti's baton, Covent Garden is proving expert at Bellini. No slight achievement.

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THEATRE

Swings, roundabouts

Happy days. And creative days. Under Verity Bargate and Fred Proud this little

Street, Marylebone.

Hair, the cast took off their clothes and The Fringe theatres that subsequently spread like mushrooms were almost always sited, appropriately, in basements reached by vertiginous stairs, but the Soho Poly was unique in

having ceilings so low that no audience would ever risk dancing. A sharp crack on the skull was the reward for those who forgot the RSJ. In some West End theatres the view was still restricted by columns between the seats; at the Soho Poly a column stood in the middle of

Water Music

Cockpit, Marylebone powerhouse presented the work of scores of new writers, including Caryl Churchill, David Edgar, Pam Gems

and Barrie Keeffe. It was always a writer's theatre and the Verity Bargate Award was established, after her early death, to encourage new writers. Lyndon Morgans is the latest to be so honoured and his play is the one. unfortunately as it turns out, chosen to open the (now Poly-less) Soho Theatre Company in its new site in Gateforth

The contrast between the claustrophobic Riding House venue and

the new premises could not be more. er, striking. The walls soar up until lost to sight beyond the lighting gantries. What fun designers are going to have with scenic effects, and Moggie Douglas's fairground set for Morgans's play shows the way shead. Loops of coloured lightbulbs flash on and off. Corners of carousel and Haunted House project from the rear wall. Ghosts and rubber skeletons dangle. One scene is set twenty feet up the wall, in what purports to be the topmost

cabin of a stationary Big Wheel, Down below an insubstantial drama takes place. David Ryall, a hot-dog salesman, has barricaded himself into the Haunted House, where he badmouths his ineffectual son and foulmouths the Almighty. Obsessed with Monique, a Miss Whiplash in black PVC, he wants to create a concerno for her but she can't stand him.

The lines spoken by the tarts sound right but Morgans fails to distribute them credibly, so that they talk as if intent on telling audiences how tarts talk. Anecdotes replace drama - is it by chance that the Strongman is Waiting for Godfrey? — and director Keith Boak could profitably have learned from the late Lord Cobbold to wield his blue pencil; not to excise the smut but to insist upon rigour and shape.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE

More than mere ritual

VIVARTA, the season of new Indian dance now on at The Place Theatre in Euston, (also on at Leicester and Manchester) covers a wide range of companies, styles and intentions. At one extreme we have Britain's first, . and still very tentative, national South Asian dance youth company, Yuva; at

the other, highly competent and inter-esting groups such as Mandali, which brought a double bill by Daksha True, she tried our patience in the short opening work, Chhaya. This had a wealth of variegated material: shadowplay, the vigorous Chhau style and potentially vivid Kathakali in the

choreography; a Japanese flute. Orissan drum, Australian didgeridoo and electronic organ in the soundtrack. But it handles them in such a perfunctory, inconclusive, half-hearted way that it becomes boring even within its brief duration.

Fortunately Yajna was much better. The raw material here is what we've seen in innumerable formal recitals of Indian dance, including an invocation of four Vedic gods as its central theme. But the chanting, drumming and piping by two musicians, the solemn, often heavy movements of the four dancers, are put together in a structure which uses them as western choreographers might employ ballet or contemporary dance techniques to make a complete theatrical experience.

Mandali/Yuva The Place

Some passages of speech by the dancers (taken from the Penguin translation of Rig Veda) give western audiences a clue to the action, which starts with ritual markings out of space and self-preparation, and culminates in an evocation of religious sacrifice. The seriousness of the actions is enlivened by the conviction of the performers, rising at a climax to a fierce impersonation of Indra, god of thunder and warfare, by a dancer who. like his colleagues, is unfortunately not individually identified in the pro-

THIS set a standard which the newly formed youth company Yuva could not be expected to meet. Although based in Leeds, its dancers (six women, one man) come from all over -Birmingham, Coventry, London, Ox-ford and Preston. At this stage they look more eager than accomplished; if their acorn of hope is to grow into an oak of achievement, they will need more expressive, focused and demand-ing productions than Thirsting River. in which Ranjabati Sircar's choreography meandered very dryly.

gramme sheet.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERT

Less than full drama

WAGNER in the concert hall always poses problems. Are we just to be thrown juicy morsels and left slavering for the whole steak? And how is the dramatic element to be conveyed, with no action but with orchestral players

scraping and blowing in full view?
Giuseppe Sinopoli's obviated the first problem by offering an entire act—the first of Die Walkure—followed by the final Immolation Scene from Götterdämmarung, together with the Rhine Journey and Funeral March.

As far as dramatic content was concerned, he was markedly more successful in the Walkure music than in that of Götterdämmerung. But the dominating presence of the Philharmonia was never resolved. Some textural blends were decidedly odd, and the vocalists, placed behind the orchestra (especially Sabine Hass and Robert Schunk as Sieglinde and Siegmund in Walkure), had to struggle to assert themselves, with uneven

The Walkilre act was projected with more judicious regard for the sense of the drama. Sinopoli does not seek the false expressivity of the soporific tempi favoured by some conductors. Rather he keeps things moving, and skilfully contrived them here so that we were not aware of the long pauses in which, on the stage, the lovers do little but gaze into each other's eyes.

Kurt Rydl's chillingly powerful

Philharmonia/Sinopoli Festival Hall

Hunding brought the second scene vibrantly to life, and the long, final love scene, once set on course, went with plenty of swing and intermittent passion. Neither Hass nor Schunk sounded natural in their roles, and both had their unsteady moments, but they gave a perfectly acceptable account of a vocally taxing scene.
Siegfried's Rhine Journey.

Sinopoli's hands, not only seemed to be motor-powered, but began with an alarming kick-start. Can the music sustain such high intensity drama as was injected here? It is, after all, a musical travelogue rather than a rite of passage. The Funeral March was unpleasantly loud and brash, with too little of the grandeur or noble ideals celebrated by the music.

With the world collapsing in ruins, there is perhaps more justification for ear-splitting crashes in the Immolation Scene. I admired Sinopoli's sculpting of the final, impassioned Brunnhilde theme. But neither he nor Hass as Brünnhilde quite managed to capture the sense of transcendence that falls in the theatre after we have lived through the catastrophe.

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Foul play in the CIA vs. IRA match

Cinema New Releases: Geoff Brown

on Patriot Games, Swoon, Just Like a Woman, California Man,

Secret Friends, My Father is Coming

You know

nothing about

terrorism.

the CIA tell

that CIA headquarters boast open-plan offices where the words "State l'errorism" dangle from the celling like a supermarket sign announcing Frozen Foods"? Well, Patriot Games (Empire, 15) spills the beans. And who would have guessed that an IRA cell could cross the CIA's path in America and of a finger? Yet it must be so: we can see for ourselves, in Panavision and Technicolor.

Implausibilities, both major and minor, pile up perilously in this second foray into Tom Clancy's novels, following The Hunt for Red October. At first Alec Baldwin was set to return as the CIA analyst Jack Ryan; then he abandoned ship, eaving Harrison Ford to negotiate

the boneheaded script. The direc-Australian Phillip Noyce, who floundering with the characters speedboats in the Paramount studio tank. The games be-

Ryan; the same gin in London. could be said of where Ryan, on holiday, saves a Patriot Games' leading politician (and royal cousin) from an IRA bomb, killing a perpetrator in the

process. The response is immediate: the grateful Queen hands out a gong, and IRA activist Sean Bean olots extravagant revenge on Ryan, his wife and daughter.

The lunacy spirals as the story lurches from CIA headquarters, to Belfast, a North African terrorist camp (the film is too circumspect to say Libya outright), and the sanctity of Ryan's Maryland home. Richard Harris's vaudeville turn as a Sinn Fein spokesman unglues the film further. So long as we stick with Ryan's plight as a hunted man, the film remains entertaining; but its topical pose and strong arm tactics badly mistire. "You know nothing about terrorism." the CIA tell Ryan: the same goes for Patriot Games.

Harrison Ford's glowering de-meanour serve him well enough in the early stages, but his skills become increasingly wasted as the film collapses. Among the rest of the unfortunates, Sean Bean cuts an icy figure as the IRA avenger, while James Fox (the royal politician) gives an excellent imitation of limp celery.

"You've just enjoyed the treat of shaking hands with a murderer," the privileged youth informs his chauffeur in Tom Kalin's riveting debut feature Swoon (Metro, 18). This is no joke: we have just seen this 18-year-old Jewish student, one half of the infamous Leopold and Loeb, blithely kill a kidnapped boy in the car's back seat. Their motive: just a thrill, if you pleas

Nathan Leopold Jnr and Richard Loeb, moneyed, Jazz Age youths whose intellectual superiority put them above society's laws (so they thought), have

fascinated writers and film-makers. Patrick Hamilton's play Rope led to Hitchcock's 1948 film adaptation; nine years later came Compulsion, from Meyer Levin's novel, with Orson Welles playing Clarence Darrow, the pair's lawyer. But those mov-

ies were mainstream affairs. Kalin. an American video artist, goes a different route, and shouts what the previous films whispered: the couple's homosexuality. The watch-word, poached from advanced literary theory, is "deconstruction". Through stylised tableaux, archive footage and abundant courtroom quotations, Kalin aims to reveal the homophobia that swirled round the case in 1924: the perception was that gay desire meant violence.

The wonder is that a film so intellectual in design sits on the screen with such ease. Ellen Kuras's black-end-white photography puts a glossy surface on the avant-garde tactics: actors Daniel Schlachet and Craig Chester suck us into their languorous world of obsessive love.



Witnesses to a terrorist outrage: Harrison Ford protects his wife (Anne Archer) and daughter (Thora Birch) in Patriot Games

The effect is severely unsettling: these handsome boys, so beautifully posed, are callous murderers. Kalin further goads the viewer by opening up questions without offering answers. Seductive and prickly at the same time, Swoon is a firecracker among the damp squibs of recent

In theory, Just Like a Woman (Odeon West End, 15) should be equally subversive. Here, after all, is Gerald, a handsome American merchant banker who engineers multimillion dollar deals by day and wears the frilliest underwear by night. If the scene were New York or San Francisco, imagine the camp excitement. But this is a British film: the transvestite lives in suburban London, and lodges, what is more, with Julie Walters. "You're like a bird of paradisel" she coos, as Gerald becomes Geraldine: the lady, a lonely soul, recently divorced, has a chirpy comment for everything. No one can be camp in these surroundings, and the American

actor Adrian Pasdar, who looks awkward whatever he wears, scarce-The film's sensibility is further

constrained by the cumbersome sub-plot who cares a fig about Gerald's Japanese deal and the machinations of his boss? Despite the prosaic script, director Christo-pher Monger displays genuine sym-pathy for his oddball characters, and never stoops to easy laughter. But his attempt at an opulent interna-tional sheen falls flat: the film remains poky, parochial, and its message is clear - no sex, please,

he message paraded in California Man (MGM Haymarket, PG) is: no intelligence, please, we're American. This lamentable comedy was originally Encino Man, but since no one here is supposed to have heard of the San Fernando Valley community where Michael Jackson resides, in came a dull new

A II the furious pre-screening rumpus over Granada's two-hour

drama-documentary Hos-tages (ITV, last night), includ-ing the public disowning of

the programme by John Mc-

Carthy, Brian Keenan, Terry

Waite and others, entirely

missed the point. The focus of

that furore was the pro-

gramme's veracity, or lack of

it: by far the more important questions raised by Hostages

Nobody watching more than a few seconds of this

action-packed thriller, per-

formed by a star-studded cast, could have supposed it was

attempting an accurate investigation into what actually

happened, in Beirut and in the

corridors of the Pentagon and

the Foreign Office, between 1986 and 1991. Writer Ber-

nard MacLaverty and director

David Wheatley must be cred-ited with quite different inten-

Their idea was more what

Beethoven had in mind when

he wrote his Fifth Symphony

celebration of the triumph

of the human spirit over

adversity, that sort of thing.

Unfortunately, they thought it could be delivered in 90-

When I said the most im-

portant questions raised here were about imagination, I

should have been more specif-

ic they concerned the imagi-

nation of time. The most

shocking reminder of the suf-

fering of those hostages was a simple number: that awful toll

of days which grew from tens into hundreds and from hun-

dreds past the thousand mark.

Days which were not really

days, unpunctuated by light

and natural darkness, or by

the seasons; days without rest.

marked by deprivation and

second sound-bites.

concerned imagination.

title. If they followed their logic, the distributors thould also have excised Pauly Shore, a cult down on MTV but as well-known here as your local butcher. He appears cut from the same cloth as Bill and Ted, and the Wayne's World boys, but is considerably less bearable

In plot terms, Shore plays a minor role: the focus falls on a prehistoric hunk (Brendan Fraser) found frozen in ice while Shore's school buddy. Sean Astin, is excavating a garden pool. Before you can yawn, the hunk munches junk food, romances Astin's girl, and perpetuates tired teen-comedy antics, flung together by director Les Mayfield. Who wants a film that aims low, and misses?

Dennis Potter scarcely aims low, though in the wake of his television serial Blackeyes it is getting difficult to care if he hits his targets or not. Secret Friends (MGM Tottenham Court Road, 18), Potter's first film as director, shows the dramatist firmly stuck in the rut of depicting sexual

stage as a middle-aged illustrator or the brink of madness, his mind fractured into darting memories of his uncertain wife (Gina Bellman), a red-hot neighbour (the admirable Frances Barberi and a murder he might have committed. Bates gives this dubious role the old Donald Wolfin punch, which only makes matters worse. Overwrought and tedious. Secret Friends needs a psychotherapist, not a paying audience.

Monika Treur's My Father is Coming (Prince Charles, 18) finishes the week with a rush of fresh air. Drawing on her own position as a sexually liberated German filmmaker at large in America. Treut paints a tender, amusing portrait of a German girl in New York, whose visiting father soon finds his feet among porn queens, trans-sexuals and a fakir suspended from wires hooked onto his nipples. Treut's cinematic technique remains homely, but the film's animating spirit is **ARTS BRIEF**

Reith lineup

names of the Reith Lecturers for the next three years. Di Edward Said, professor of English at Columbia University in New York, will give the lectures in June 1993, on the subject of the influence of intellectuals on public life. The writer and historian Marina Warner, best known for her books about the Virgin Mary and Joan of Arc, will speak in June 1994 about archetypal myths; and in 1995 the architect Sir Richard Rogers will lecture about the impact of environmentalism on architecture. Radio 4 and Radio 3 will broadcast the lectures.

Improvising

YOU probably thought Antonin Dvořák hailed from Bohemia's woods and mountains. Hollywood has other ideas. In The New World, a forthcoming film about the composer's American years and the creation of the "New World" Symphony, Ovorak will be played by the Puerto Rican Raul Julia. The director may also raise evebrows: the film is a pet project of Ted Kotcheff. who gave the world the first adventure,

Only chance

MATURE Californian neckers Toto are pressing ahead with shows to promote their new album, Kingdom of Desire, in spite of the recent death of drummer and founder member Jeff Porcaro. Veteran session players from Los Angeles, they have always maintained high musical and production values, even if the band's creative vision has tended towards the staid. Such mid-Eighties hits as "Africa" and "Rosanna" practically defined a strand of unfashionably melodic rock.

The current lineup features the two surviving Porcaro brothers Steve and Mike, together with founder members David Paich and Steve Lukather. The late Jeff Porcaro is replaced by Briton Simon Phillips for the group's only British dates at the Apol-Manchester (061-273 3775) on Saturday and Brixton Academy (071-326 1022) on Sunday.

THEATRE

Sketches from the bohemian life

MacBryde Royal Court

The names suggest some fiercely respectable Edinburgh lawyers, or maybe a firm of high-class bootmakers, long established at the posh end of George Street; but the truth is more slandash and bohemian. Colguhoun and MacBryde were a couple of Glaswegian painters who made rather more of an impact on the pubs of wartime London than on its galleries. Wyndham Lewis admired them. George Barker gave them houseroom and made himself responsible for the bill of £1,249, 14 shillings and sixpence they managed to run up at his local. A historian of the art of the 1940s, or of Soho, or of British eccentricity. or even of homosexuality.
might still find them of interest; but in each case they would probably end up as little more than a footnote

Certainly, John Byrne has failed fully to justify the attention he gives them here. The problem is not their relative obscurity. With the right dramatist on creative song, any artist could doubtless prove a fascinating protagonist, down to the amateur watercolourist who paints churches for the village souvenir shop. But as Byrne treats them, Colquhoun and Mac-Bryde lack significance as well

An Evening with



as stature. They just don't reveal enough about art, the 1940s, Soho, eccentricity. homosexuality, or any of the other subjects that surface during the evening. At times their play comes across as a series of footnotes living above its natural means.

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The opening scenes find

them first in London, then in Florence, all eager to oust the old and establish themselves as the new; but it is soon clear that their ambition is not matched by their originality. Before long, they are pretty shamelessly trading on their Scottishness or, as they would prefer to put it, their Celtic

That largely means dressing in ill-matching tartans and heavy brogues and, after a hundred rebuffs, going on hunger strike in Bond Street beneath a placard reading "We demand the same rights as our English brothers". This desperate ploy succeeds, too. At least for a time, their work finds buyers. But they come to seem quaint in the world of Jackson Pollock and it all slips away: patrons, self-belief, money, home, even the affection that, despite the odd flirtation with others, has kept them together for two decades.

The story is basically a sad one and feelingly enough acted by the principal members of Lindsay Posner's cast. The truculent humour that Ken Stott brings to Robert MacBryde gradually disappears, to be replaced by ag-gression, paranoia, and finally a flabby, whey faced self pity. Meanwhile, David O'Hara's

Robert Colquboun -- the more talented if less demonstrative of the two Bobs - visibly tenses and hardens. But it is difficult to be moved. The depth of observation is not there. Nor, come to that, is the depth of concern. There is of course no reason

why Byrne should not have

fun with his characters and their milieu. But this is the kind of play in which there is an off-stage clatter - and who should stagger on but Dylan Thomas in a yellow suit and Harpo Marx haircut? He throbs out what sounds like a drunken slice of Under Milk Wood and throws up in a pail full of beer, creating a cocktail which is then maliciously fed to a posturing George Barker. Outrageous characters everywhere! You can smell Byrne's nostalgie de la boue more strongly than Dylan's vomit, which thankfully does not carry across the footlights.

Altogether, this strikes me as a talented failure. The dialogue has plenty of vitality, but the characterisation seems skimpy, the action sketchy, the dramatic focus scattered. The author of The Slab Boys can do better - and will.

terrible anxiety. How could television deal with this, the true horror? ¬ he answer was almost¹ laughable. We began, in a screech of tyres and a flurry of swarthy men with Kalashnikovs, with the abduction of John McCarthy; the

> cockroaches and glistening walls; and then, before you could say Brian Keenan, three months had passed and Jill Morrell was beginning her magnificent campaign.
> Three months! What about the first three hours? I did not have a stop-watch, but I could swear no scene in the entire

> discomfon of his cell was dealt

with in swift close-ups of

warnings about three-minute culture had been optimistic. The pity of it was that an exceptionally fine cast had

two hours lasted longer than

two minutes. It began to look as though Michael Ignatieff's

TELEVISION REVIEW

Hostages to a short imagination

Carthy's disclaimers, I doubt whether any actor could have conveyed his combination of flippancy and courage better than Colin Firth: Ciaran Hinds relished the splendid resistance, wildness and intelligence of Brian Keenan; Harry Dean Stanton and Kathy Bates contributed star perfor mances as the anti-social Frank Reed and the morally unquenchable Peggy Say.

In the part of her brother, Terry Anderson, Jay O. Sanders was uncannily true to life; nothing stayed longer in the memory than his delivery of Anderson's un-selfpitying

Christmas message to his family, friends and President followed by real lootage of a smiling Reagan denying that the words were Anderson's. "When I had a script, I always read the lines they gave me," quipped Ronnie. "Thy own speech betrayeth thee," as the girl said to St Peter. That moment made the

programme worth watching: but for those who desired insight into the hostages' condition, it was no substitute for Frank McGuinness's play Someone Who'll Watch Over

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sponded with Khrushchev. John Stuart Mill was his godfather, and Ludwig Wittgenstein was his pupil. He supported the Boer War, but opposed the Vietnam War. His was a long life. It is characteristic of a man who found no difficulty in severing ties, whether private or public, that he always looked towards the indefinite future rather than the often messy past.

In this sympathetic but often acerbic biography, Caroline Moorehead describes him as "perhans the last public sage", although it might be more appropriate to call him the last great Whig.

Having effortlessly ac quired the authoritarian liberalism of his grandparents and parents, he brought with him into the 20th century all the hauteur and conviction of that dead English civilisation.

He was from the beginning a rather well-defined young man, dever and earnest but with the disadvantages that sometimes accompany those virtues

— he suffered from a certain humourlessness. and a kind of fevered detachment from what he that had something to do with his mathematical training: he always knew how to manipulate round numbers. Certainly he found it difficult to sympathise with any one creature in particular, and Moorehead reveals the calculated coldness with which he

treated his first wife. Other wives followed, together with other cruelties: he seemed to slough them off. as a snake sheds a skin before

He began work with Whitehead on *Principia Mathematica* in 1902, when he was 30. Despite moving among apparently cultivated or artistic people. he was always more at home with forms and propositions. It is not always quite so clear that Moorehead shares the same enthusiasm and her descriptions of logic, symbolic or otherwise, are not the most convincing in this biography. But the discomfiture of her prose at these moments Peter Ackroyd

BERTRAND RUSSELL By Caroline Moorehead Sinclair-Stevenson, £20

makes its own point the life of a person cannot exist in theorems or even in theories. The young Russell was so possessed by them that he had little time for anything else; his was a life of the mind, which is a bad place for life to be situated.

That is why he seems such a curious wraith-like figure among his contemporaries - the Eliots, the Webbs, even the more feckless

members of Bloomsbury, seem

more solid in comparison. But if he

was something of a spectre, he

resembles one who is compelled to

feed off the living. In his friend-

ships with Wittgenstein, with Con-

rad, and with Lawrence, there is a

sense in which he needed the

passion and intensity of these

extraordinary men in order to

This is an entertaining biogra-

phy, fluently written and with more

than enough humour to compen-

sate for Bertrand Russell's high-

mindedness. But if it is fluent it is

also just, and it is hard not to see its

subject as a very cold human being

shake himself into life.

his career, he demonstrated genuine courage. He was a necessary figure because he was entirely happy working in a public context, during periods when other men and women were beset by doubts and anxieties of a more individual nature. Of course he lacked anything like a private conscience but, as a result, he was inexorable both in his doctrines and in his behaviour. He was like the salamander who can only live in fire. So, by the end of the first

Alys: "Intellect is a great safeguard, because it makes one's passions

more abstract and less ephemeral."

No doubt that is also why he

became such a notorious philan-

derer, his was a case of sex without

love or, in other words, sex with

only abstract passion. His first

affair was with Lady Ottoline

Morrell, of all people; Moorehead

couplings, not least because she has

brought him alive. In this period,

when he campaigned against the conflict at much risk to himself and

some sympathy for the victims.

good on all the subsequent

It was the first world war which

world war, he was no longer a don or even simply a philosopher, be had become a public figure urgently addressing what he thought was a new age. He wrote pamphlets and journalism, he travelled extensively, he concocted potted books concerned with the "new order", socialism and peace. In the 1920s he

and his new wife, Dora, became a political Punch and Judy act, hitting out at everyone in sight before turning on each other.

By the time of the second world war he told one friend that he felt "like a strayed ghost from a dead world", and yet this Whig aristocrat spent the rest of his life at the centre of public attention. He thrived on controversy; he was never affected by criticism because he had little sense of any personal self, and there are times when he seems no more than an emptiness waiting to be filled by sex or publicity. It is a salutary, often horrifying, story; one finishes it with profound relief that the Whigs are no longer with us.



Lady Ottoline Morrell: her desperate need to be liked made her horribly vulnerable; she described herself as "a magnet for egotists"

Lady Chatterley's lovers

ady Ottoline Morrell, sweeping in and out like a de-ranged peacock, has a striking cameo-role in countless biographies of early 20th-century literary figures and in the malicious letters and diaries of the Bloomsbury group. She was over six feet tail, with more than the usual amount of hair, nose and chin, and a flamboyantly theatrical style of decorating her person and her

drawing-rooms. Depending on the painter's vision or the camera angle, she looked ravishingly beautiful or absolutely hideous. She adored art. literature and the life of the mind. This meant in practice that she adored painters, writers and intellectuals, chiefly male. She became, as David Cecil put it, "a creative artist of the private life" and, in her own words, "a magnet for egotists". She fed and watered them in flocks in London and at Garsington. She supported their endeavours. listened to their outpourings, and fired their imaginations.

Compulsive hostesses present a special difficulty for biographers. It is hard to animate the guest-lists and visitors' books which are all that remain of a lifetime's parties, but Seymour handles the problem robustly. Lady Ottoline was "at home" every Thursday in London. During the first world war. Garsington was a refuge for pacifists,

Victoria Glendinning

OTTOLINE MORRELL Life on the Grand Scale By Miranda Seymour Hodder & Stoughton, £25

who included Aldous Huxley and Mark Gertler. She was comfortably off, but nowhere near as rich as her rotégés imagined she was.

Born in 1873, she was pretty grand — a half-sister of the Duke of Portland, with a dozen other titles roosting in her family tree. As a shy and religious 29-year-old she married handsome, weak Philip Morrell, a solicitor's son, and proceeded to reinvent both him and herself. She encouraged Philip to enter Parliament, and though the mar-riage was sexually null — they had one daughter, dreadfully neglected by Lady Ottoline - she was never less than loyal. She sought her own fulfilment variously as hostess, spiritual mentor, muse, confidante, patron, and lover.

She was not principally interested in sex, but in intense spiritual and emotional affinities. Her iong affair with Bertrand Russell, from whom 1,500 letters to her have survived, is the centrepiece of this book. She was also the mistress of Henry Lamb and Augustus John. had a giggly intimacy with Lytton Strachey, and deep involvements was generous, and paid up to with Roger Fry. D. H. Lawrence and Siegfried Sassoon, among others. Many of her friendships ended in disillusion. Miranda Seymour praises her

courage and inspiration and believes her to have been a "great" voman. A previous biography by Sandra Jobson Darroch was published in 1976. The picture is not greatly changed by Seymour, but she has the advantage of additional material. Lady Ottoline's journals were discovered in an attic after the death of her daughter Julian in 1989. They revealed among much else that Lady O, in her early forcies. had a brief and ecstatic affair with a young stonemason who was working at Garsington. Seymour makes a good case for believing that the story of this relationship, repeated down the gassip grapevine, provided the idea for D.H. Lawrence's

Seymour has also been able to say more about Philip Morrell's infidelities, which began three years after the marriage. He even made (unsuccessful) bids to seduce Virginia Woolf. In 1917 he confessed to Lady Ottoline, while she lay in bed - she had chronic illhealth -- that he currently had two mistresses, both pregnant. One was his secretary and the other Lady O's personal maid. Both women gave birth to a son that summer. Lady O

"linguicide" (a term the Com-

panion uses but has no entry

for). Any language's death

diminishes us, for each is a

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flourish through mutual con-

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for the success of English, which over nine centuries has

"undergone more dramatic

changes than any other major

European language", according to the Oxford Companion.

Linguistic diversity may prove

to be as necessary as genetic

diversity. Yet the predomi-nance of English makes it

hard to see how the wealth of

other languages and litera-

Standardisation can be a

great thing, but it is often a

curse. Universal intelligibility

would be a boon, but English

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tures may be preserved.

Lady Chatterley's Lover.

Prostitute of tongues

support the maid - at a time when she was also paying for Philip's suits and his club bills.

Philip also had a series of mental breakdowns. Like his infidelities. these were concealed from the world. But in her unhappiness, Ottoline took to painting her face more luridly, dressing in brighter and tackier finery, and looked as groresque as she felt. The cruellest and funniest Bloomsbury comments about her date from this time. She confided her misery only in her diary. It did not do to show that one was unhappy, she wrote: People don't like one

Her desperate need to be liked, her need for "simple love" as she put it, made her horribly vulnera-ble. The writers and artists she entertained so generously and with whom she enjoyed such intimate talks flattered her to her face and drew real sustenance from her interest and support. But they also mythologised her as an "animated public monument" (Osbert Sitwell) and mocked her behind her back.

If there is a moral in this story it is that it just does not do to have too great a reverence for creative artists, as opposed to their art. Lady Ottoline, though bitterly hurt, never fought back. She bit on the bullet and carried on. While she may not have been a "great" woman, she was certainly a gallant one.

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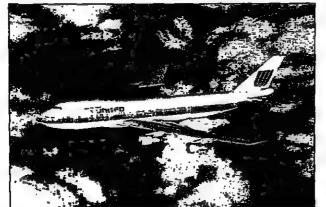
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Neon lights

LAS VEGAS calls itself "the entertainment capital of the world". You should arrive at night when the lights of the hotels and casinos along the Strip flame up into the desert sky. Some visitors are happy just to stroll along the Strip at night, watching the flashing neon signs, the illuminated cascades and the passers-by. But there is big money to win or lose in Las Vegas as well. It was originally a very different place - a Mormon settlement. It started its new life as a gambling town in 1931, when work began on the Hoover Dam, and has



Flashing neon in Las Vegas

casinos offer roulette, crap and poker day and night, and there are gleaming forests of siot-machines all over town. Big-name entertainers are found in the hotels on the Strip and downtown at the Golden Nugget. Another feature of Las Vegas is its chapels, where you can get married at any time of day.

Yet another threat comes from the heat, especially in summer. 150 miles out of Las Vegas is Death Valley, one of the hottest places in America. It is not quite so hot in Las Vegas; nevertheless it is best to go there in spring or autumn. Other places to visit are the Hoover Dam across the Colorado river; and the Valley of Fire, where you can see ancient Indian rock carvings in the heart of the desert.

UNITED AIRLINES

he triumph of English Jim McCue is nearly complete. From being the lan-

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the United States, because

English is so prestigious. Chi-nese is not a single language

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The world's wish to speak

English is one of the unde-clared themes of this book.

"English is now widely used for scholarly publishing in The Netherlands": creole in Ha-

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the last Manx-speaker died in

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EFTA is English, though none of the members is anglo-

phone": English is the leading second language of the Chi-

man pop songs average 56 English words per tune (more,

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McCandless, a Victorian fan-

tasy-cum-horror set in Glas-

gow and its hinterland, the

It delves into Dr

McCandless's friendship with

Godwin Baxter, a biological-

alchemist genius, and features

his longing for and marriage to "beautiful, full-bodied" in-

nocent Bella, one of the novel's

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flung herself, pregnant and bonny into the Clyde, and "by

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English, but economic necessi-

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THE OXFORD guage of about four million COMPANION TO people in Shakespeare's day, it THE ENGLISH has exploded, and is now used by perhaps 700-800 million LANGUAGE worldwide. In all, 1200 mil-Edited by Tom McArthur lion people live in countries where English is an official OUP, £25

> ty will overcome. In Quebec it is an offence to display an English sign in the street, and the language police insist that a hamburger must be called a "hambourgeois". As a result, 20,000 people a year are leaving the province. English. in all its unruly diversity, is probably Britain's greatest isset. The world will come to us. Instead of seizing this inestimable advantage, we hobble ourselves by submit-ting to the Babel of the European Community, which employs 2,700 people translating everything into nine languages. To soothe the pride of the French and others, we acquiesce in this nonsense, even though English is the

> first second language throughout the EC. Yet such pre-eminence has a dark side. The Companion leans over leftwards to distance itself from the "domination and exploitation ... inherent in any empire", and quotes authors from several parts of the world who regard the use of English as collaboration with the enemy. Often this means the writer cutting out his mother tongue to spite his face. Better to find new ways to use the colonial inheritance.

A more profound concern is

the way. The argot of CNN is not encouraging: reporters for

this first global television network tend to sound like Japanese T-shirts. This excellent guide to the history, geography and con-tours of English is cautious about classifying usage in terms of correctness (the caution itself being politically correct). Yet it adapts James Murray's century-old radial diagram from the OED. This envisaged a core of words and usage, from which jargons, dialects, slang and so forth diverge, the edges of the language being indetermi-

nate. A user of core English

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tion passim) is able to commu-

Comprehensive yet focused, the Companion immediately establishes itself as a necessary book As well as obvious entries such as novel, euphony and Esperanto, it lists notable publishers, the five canons of rhetoric, the protocols of plant naming and the principles of translation used for the Authorised Version of the Bible. The short essay on how Shakespeare's language differed from ours is a model exposition. There is fascinating material, too, on information theory (why sloppy writing seems easy to read). and on the hypothetical Indo-

European language (a single

root lies behind the words

pole, palisade, travel, fang, page and propaganda). Sources range from Beowulf to Bondi Beach graffiti. And shalled are Barry Humphries. Dr Seuss and Billy Connolly. Dan Quayle routs himself under "Bafflegab", and Ronaid Reagan is saluted for revoking an executive order on the use of plain English. Earning its shelf-space beside the Oxford Companion to (see BBC, Oxbridge, King's Literature, this book gives us English at large at last. What

did we do without it?

Scotch fantasia

Tom Adair

POOR THINGS By Alasdair Gray Bloomsbury, £14.99

subtle use of electrical stimulus", thanks to Baxter, has been resurrected and given the brain of her erstwhile foetus.

Bella lacks moral imagination, a point she admits in her riposte to McCandless's version of both their lives, which comprises the novel's latter part. She casts new light on his friendship with Baxter, his

wooing of her, the confronta-

tion with her first husband, and Baxter's death. "You, dear reader," she writes with a flourish, "have two accounts to choose between." It seems that Poor Things must inhabit the paradox.

No such luck. This novel has no place to call home. Not content to have us wonder if his story is merely a melodramatic period pastiche, or even a dark allegory of the artist as creator unable to change or possess his creation, Gray packs its crevices with

convictions. "Bitter Wisdom" is the tag he gives to a chapter cutting of charisma. W Gray on grey.

Kinds of People (there are three): Unemployment (breeds 'a strong police force"); World Improvers (chiefly socialists, pacifists, anarchists and Bella): and Freedom.

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It is rent-a-polemic but at least it is lively. You cannot say that for Gray's "Notes Critical and Historical", 30-odd pages as an endpiece for foomotes fetishists. The festive serious ness, élan, and sureness of touch marking Gray at his best (Lanark, Kelvin Walker and 1982 Janine) give way to a tentative failure to engage Bella's flurry of well-nimed arrows (the book's clearest voice) take the attention, but even then a dimension is missing, the prose equivalent of charisma. What we have is

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There are several writers who. at some stage in their careers, have tried to escape the confines of the genre in which they have made their name. Henry James wrote plays, Graham Greene a book for children, John Fowles a volume of aphorisms, Kingsley Amis a spy story, John Le Carre a romantic novel. Some have done it to make money, others to gain gravitus: the writers of highclass thrillers in particular have been known to complain that a form of cultural snobbery deprives them of the literary reputation they deserve.

Now one of our leading writers of detective stories, P.D. James, has written a serious novel whose opening sentence merits a place in the text-books of creative writing. "Early this morning. I January 2021, three minutes after midnight, the last human being to be born on earth was killed in a pub brawl in a suburb of Buenos Aires, aged twenty-five years two months and twelve days". This is a story set in a future where women have ceased to conceive. The population is ageing and shrinking: essential services are collapsing; only a firm dictatorship prevents the country from falling apart. Frantic research

were born after Year Omega, 1995. Earlier novels of this kind, such

as Polly Toynhee's Leftovers, have assumed that the demise of the human race would come after a nuclear holocaust. That now seems less likely. The premise behind The Children of Men, however, has disturbing plausibility: an article in a recent issue of the British Medical Journal reports that human sperm counts have halved in the past 50 years. The scientists blame chemical pollution: James's hero, Theodore Faron, however, ascribes the universal sterility of the 21st century to the attitudes prevalent in

"Pornography and sexual vio-lence on film, on television, in books, in life, had increased and became more explicit but less and less in the West we made love and bred children. It seemed at the time a welcome development in a world grossly polluted by over-popula-

grossy pointees, by over-popula-tion. As a historian I see it as the beginning of the end."

Faron is an Oxford don —

"historian of the Victorian age, divorced, childless, solitary"— and on his own admission. on his own admission, a cold and egotistical man, haunted by the failure of his marriage and the death of his only child. This aspect

Piers Paul Read

THE CHILDREN OF MEN By P.D. James Faber, £14.99

of his character is convincing: he condemns in himself as in society the senaration of sex from love "In no area of human experience are human beings more convinced that something better can be had if only they persevere." After Year Omega. it has got worse. "Sex totally divorced from procreation has become almost meaninglessly acro-batic. Women complain increas-ingly of what they describe as painful orgasms, the spasm achieved but not the pleasure."

Faron is also the cousin and childhood friend of Xan Lyppian, the dictator and Warden of England. At some time in the past he has been his advisor, but resigned in disgust at some of the measures taken by Lyppiant's Council to deal with the emergency — compulsory gynaecological inspection of women and sperm counts in men. and a form of mass cuthansia called the Quietus, once voluntary, now surreptificusty enforced by a Gestapo-like State Security Police and an elite force, the Grenadiers. Because of his connection with Lyppiatt, Faron is approached by a

small group of dissidents, one of them a young woman with a withered arm called Julian (a name compacted by the registrar from Julie Ann). They ask him to protest to his cousin about various abuses the condition of convicts transported to the Isle of Man, the treatment of immigrants known as Soiourners, and the Quietus. Faron undertakes the mission, knowing it will fail; but he subsequently falls in love with Julian and becomes involved in the group's resistance to his cousin's regime.

James writes exceptionally well — her prose is efficient and precise. This suits those passages which are presented as Faron's journal: he is, after all, a fusty old don. But it hardly changes when the narrative alters to the third person and, as the story proceeds, the precision becomes pedantic. Every action, however banal, is described in meticulous detail:

"There were four mugs hanging on a stand. He took two and found three plates from a cupboard above the sink. From a drawer he took a sharp paring knife, a carving knife, three sets of table knives, forks and

spoons, and put a hox of matches in his pocker."

Nor are the secondary characters convincing. The villains are only notionally nasty: evil is depicted through gruesome killings, not in a character's east of mind. The young priest, Luke, who is Julian's lover. and the heroines, Julian and Miriam, are mealy-mouthed and too good to be true. There is no relief from the deadly earnestness with which the author treats her gloomy subject.

There are also times when it

seems as if James has drawn more on the past than the future. The Warden, Xan Lyppian, is the kind of public-school fascist envisaged by Harold Nicholson in his diary. wearing grey flannels and a white shin; and the last part of the novel. when the dissidents run to cover in the country, reads like a passage from Swallows and Amazons. This may be intentional: James proba-bly knows the kind of civil servants who would govern us in an emergency better than most of her readers; and the naivety of her heroines is undoubtedly part of the message she wishes to convey about the redemption of humanin through innocence and faith. The novel closes with the agnostic Faron making the sign of the cross.

Nemesis strikes Unter den Linden

y small boy has just got back from "the Blitz Experience" in the Imperial War Museum. It is a tour de force and a good way of bringing home to small boys what their country had once been through. I do not know whether there is a German equivalent, and doubt whether there should be. The German population suffered vastly more under our bombing than ever we did under theirs: they had ten times more civilian casualties than we had. But there was always, to the German story, an element of Sodom and Gomorrah: the Devil's haunts, going up in smoke. So maybe these things, in Germany, should be recorded in print, rather than in simulation. In that sense, the new book by Anthony Read and David Fisher is very good indeed.

It is a history of wartime Berlin, with substantial asides — flashbacks to the Berlin of Hitler's triumphal years, with all of that Cecil B. de Mille pompous architecture; the war as seen by the Russians, approaching Berlin from the river Oder in the late winter of 1945; the strategy of British bombing. At the centre of the book lie reminiscences of survivors, some of them unpublished, and some recreated from interviews. It is a melancholy curiosity that some of these survivors were Jews, who remained hidden in Berlin under the bombing. Their story was memorably written by Leonard Cross in 1983, but it is right for the present two voracious authors to use his work. Their own book is an excellent tableau of the Berlin apocalypse. At its end, two-thirds of Berlin had been wrecked, and the inhabitants lived in little caims of rubble, sometimes exchanging

their bodies for cigarettes.
This book follows others, including a good one on the workings of the Nazi-Soviet Pact, when Hitler and Stalin divided eastern Europe between them and then quarrelled

Norman Stone on a new study of the last days of the Nazi capital, and why Harris was wrong

over the proceeds. Since the authors (unobtrusively) know German and Russian, their books are a great deal more than pot-boilers, and though they do not go in for heavy historical analysis, they carry out the historian's primary job, description and narrative, excellently,

They show in this book how the Berliners responded to a bombing that demanded even more than the

THE FALL OF BERLIN By Anthony Read and David Fisher

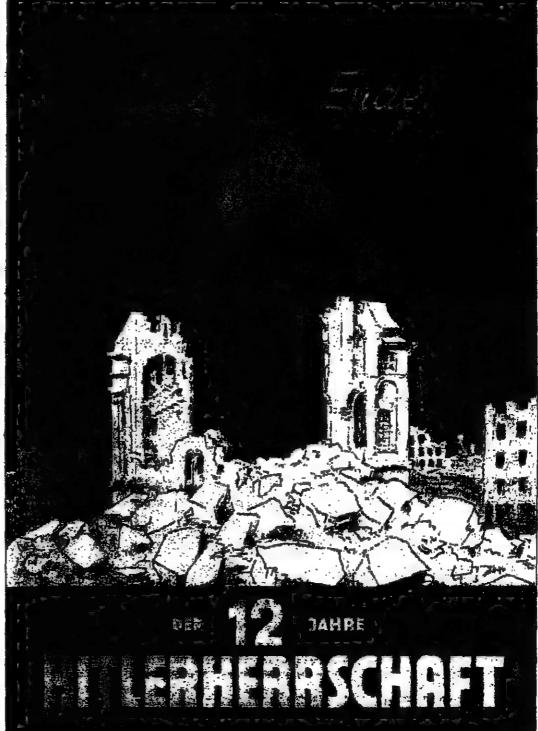
Germans' own bombing of London had done. The emergency services worked as best they could, with women volunteers on hand to bring out the ersatz coffee and biscuits, and with the ordinary people putting up with extremes of penury and discomfort. The greatest oddity was that the war economy went on working - in fact, producing more, at any rate until Allied bombing was precise enough to destroy the transportsystem and the fuel dumps. British (and other) advocates of all-out bombing of civilians in cities had not expected this to happen; in fact Bomber Command went on advo-cating the more or less indiscriminate bombing of cities even when its limitations became clear. This book shows how greater and greater ingenuity went into the bombing campaign - and, on both sides, greater and greater courage.

What effect did it really have? the whole, British opinion turned against it, as the facts came out that the investment of labour and raw materials in bombers had cost

the British war economy more than it damaged the German; quite apart from the dreadful cruelty involved in killing women and children. On the other hand, Albert Speer, Hitler's armaments minister, once told me a different story: that the bombing offensive pinned down so many German aircraft in defence that the war on the Eastern Front was lost, for want of air cover.

I remain, myself, agnostic. How-ever, it was a horrible business, and though nobody would doubt the bravery of the bomber crews as they lumbered vulnerably through the flak, I am not sure that the man who led it, as distinct from the men who lived through it, really de-serves the kind of be-statued commemoration that we reserve for our great generals.

The Queen Mother unveiled a statue, a month or two ago, to Air Marshal "Bomber" Harris, at the top of The Strand. Harris is a controversial figure - to some a hero, and to others, one of those old brutes whom the British military machine throws up from time to time. He bombed German cities into moonscapes during the war; film and photographs are his enduring monument: did he need another one, with the Queen Mother presiding? The outcome was interesting. For, a few days after the old lady had acted, the tabloids in London began a lengthy muckrak-ing of the lives of her children and grandchildren. Were the toes of "Fergie", "Squidgy" and the rest not something of a descant upon the theme: God is not mocked. It is a line which British critics of the Harris statue might bear in mind when Germans reproach them with the taste and timing of the whole affair. Gott wird nicht



showing Dresden's ruined Frauenkirche. From Persuasive Images: Posters of War and Revolution edited by Peter Paret, Beth Irwin Lewis and Paul Paret, Princeton University Press, £20

The end of 12 years of Hitler-rule: poster printed in the Soviet zone of Germany, November 1945,

Dropping the desert pilot

member the shock waves which swept through Britain on March I 1956, when King Hussein of Jordan sacked General (later Sir) John Glubb, the distinguished commander of his Arab Legion. It was not just his dismissal but the manner of it: like that of "a pilfering house-servant" as our ambassador in Amman stiffly described it. Yet Glubb's destiny as a Middle Eastern star was forged by chance.

The son of Major-General Sir Frederic Glubb, Royal Engineers (RE), young Jack won a scholarship to Cheltenham College, then rivalling Wellington as a seed-bed for army officers, and followed in his father's footsteps as a sapper. He seems to have been less shellshocked by the first world war than by the armistice. "Anything that happens to me after this can only be an anti-chimax," he wrote glumly in 1919. So when the army asked for volunteers to help pacify rebel tribes in Mesopotamia, the bored young subaltern joined the queue. Two things happened in the next

five years to change his life. First, he fell in love with the desert and its people, confessing that he felt more at home in a tent full of nomads. whose lack of scruples matched their table manners, than he did in the RE Officers' Mess at Chatham. Secondly, he displayed a rare

aptitude for his job. Charged with protecting rural shepherds from Ikhwan tribesman whose raids were terrorising the border region. he founded the small Southern Desert Carnel Corps and successfully instructed the locals in selfdefence. When the RE finally ordered his return, Captain Glubb, now happy as a sand-boy, resigned

Henry Stanhope

GLUBB PASHA By Trevor Royle



Glubb: transformed the Arab Legion into a modern army

his commission and joined the local British administration.

He was already something of a legend by 1930 when he moved to Jordan, first as deputy, then later commander of the Arab Legion. While he was not the founder of the legion, he became over the next quarter-century its adoptive father. transforming it from a small policing force into a mechanised, all-

arms modern army. So what caprice prompted Hussein to get rid of him? The professed cause was the young soldier-king's dissatisfaction with Glubb's recent handling of his beloved legion. For one thing Arab officers, conservatively sticking to his fellow Brits. Hussein was also unhappy with Glubb's strategy

But other reasons also lay behind his demise. The Arab world was in turmoil at the time. Nationalist propaganda, largely inspired by Nasser's Egypt, had targeted Glubb as a symbol of British imperialism. Nor did the British press's habit of dubbing him the "uncrowned king of Jordan" great-ly endear him to the crowned one. As a servant of Hussein's grandfather King Abdullah, Glubb was seen as a relic of the past, out-dated and out of place in modern Amman. To some extent this was true:

Glubb's rapport had been with the Bedouin of the desert, not the rising, urban, Arab middle class. It is equally true that Glubb was in his 59th year, by which age most generals in Britain have retired. Even so, his peremptory dethroning (along with that of most of the other British officers) seemed a mortifying symbol of his country's

What should his country make of him four decades on? Comparisons with T.E. Lawrence are inevitable. Both men cared passionately for the desert and its inhabitants and were to extol them in enviable prose. But most of those who knew them both thought Glubb the greater man.

This latest biography, six years after his death, does Ghubb full justice. Objective, readable and well-researched, it not only explains a complex man but makes sense of the complicated times through which he lived. Those trying to understand the Middle East today

Brian Keenan's An Evil Cradling is a masterful chronicle of courage and resourcefulness. Keenan, subjected **Captives** on their captors

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ment, succeeds in overcoming his

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Early in his captivity Keenan

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captors lasting several days, wins the concessions be wanted. When

he is moved into a makeshift prison

with other hostages, whom he is

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he ingeniously devises a clandes

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Much of the book is taken up

with his relationship with the British journalist John McCarthy.

with whom he shared several cells

in locations across the country from

Beirut to south Lebanon and the

Bekaa Valley. The two men made use of the few resources at their

disposal to make their incarcera-

Aside from the details of hostage

life, An Evil Cradling also helps

expose the myth that Lebanon's

hostage takers were a collection of

disparate shadowy groups acting on their own. The kidnappers in

this account were well organised

and appeared to work as a single

unit under one command, proba-

bly the Iranian government. Dur-

ing his confinement Keenan was

held at one time or another with

three Americans, at least one

Frenchman and one Korean, as

well as McCarthy and Terry Waite.

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Richard Beeston

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Michael Joseph, 15.99

times to different locations across the country, some of them large multi-storey prisons presumably controlled by Hezbollah, the pro-Iranian Shia Muslim group. The monotony of life in captivity

makes prison journals a particularly difficult genre of narrative to master. But the wit and imagination which helped Keenan to survive his incarceration he also uses to bring alive his story.

The same cannot be said for Tornado Down, however, the exciting but durnsily written account of a captured crew of an RAF Tornado shot down over Iraq on the first day of the Gulf War during a bombing run on an Iraqi air field near Kuwait. Although the book provides good technical detail about the workings of modern air warfare and an insight into the sadistic regime of Saddam Hussein, the most striking feature of the account by the pilot, John Peters, and his navigator, John Nichol, is the catalogue of blunders leading up to their capture by the Iraqis.

When the possibility is first raised that XV Squadron based in Germany might go to war, the pilots are forced to use photocopied maps from The Times Atlas because there are no charts available, and to read newspaper dippings about the Iraqi military because there is no intelligence brief. As they prepared for their first bombing mission of the war, launched in daylight even though their aircraft are designed to attack at night, their Tornado refuses to start and they are forced to change planes. During the attack itself the bombs do not work, either through a technical malfunction or human error, and they are hit twice by primitive anti-aircraft fire crippling the \$15 million jet and forcing the men to eject.

Once they land on enemy territory they discover that to get at their locator beacons to be rescued they must first inflate Dayglo orange lifejackets. To get their survival packs they are forced to inflate bright orange dinghies, which in the desert of Iraq was "as unnoticeable as a pack of baboons Christmas shopping on Oxford Street".

Even the Iraqi interrogators are incompetent. After torturing the airmen and forcing them to talk, they ask the most basic questions about the Tornado, to which the answers were available in any newspaper article. They then decide to force the crewmen to appear on television in a publicity excercise which backfires when it becomes dear the men have been tortured. Fortunately the airmen, along with other coalition POWs, were released, otherwise unharmed, after the war. The Ministry of Defence and the RAF would do well to read Tornado Down before committing their warplanes to combat again.

Richard Beeston is correspondent for The Times in Jerusalem

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The Crunch By William Cash

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illiam Cash's 60-page philippic is almost past its sell-by date, even as it hits the bookstands. Cash blows blasts of steamy indignation at the text of the Maastricht treaty just as the governments he derides are reaching the conclusion that the treaty's recipes for political and monetary union will have to be rewritten - or at least reinterpreted.

The distinction is a crucial one: the autumn's political battle will be over whether changes to the treaty will be cosmetic or real. Cash has anticipated this shift and spells out his own prescriptions for the drastic action which John Major should take at the Edinburgh summit at the end of the year. Since Maastricht "consolidated the gravitational pull towards federalism". Cash counsels Major to throw the treaty into the dustbin of history.

How the prime minister should accomplish a switch from his proclamation last December that the treaty is a triumph to destroying the entire edifice of European Union is not made adequately clear. Cash assumes that Britain can both stay in the EC and control its development. His otherworldliness reaches its dimax in his advice to the government on how to deal with the EC's ambitions to run a more coherent foreign policy. "In 1900, when Britain was the world's undisputed superpower, the staff of the foreign service in London consisted of 40 people. Perhaps the past has something to teach us in this respect." Cash is nothing if not a militant for nostalgia.

Trained as a lawyer, Cash is much more practical on the treaty's small print. Compare Cash with Douglas Hurd. Subsidiarity, says Cash, is "part of the problem, not the solution". Douglas Hurd waffied to the House of Commons this summer about subsidiarity "applying to areas of competence . . . requiring all activity ... including all activity within the exclusive Community competence ... to be governed by the necessity test.

Gobbledegook often signals eva-sion. There is a coyness about the nearest thing to a reply to Cash issued by the government. It bears the unsnappy title UK presidency Community issues and has been distributed to MPs but not, so far as I know, to the general public. The government roundly asserts that Maastricht-style subsidiarity will be legally sound and enforceable.

The problem with EC treaties is that they are unpredictable experiments. Neither Cash nor Hurd can tell what will happen if Maastricht comes into force. Hurd sounds unsure of himself when he asserts that Maastricht swings the EC towards desirable decentralisation. But Cash has no alternative likely to command support elsewhere in Europe. Both arguments bob like corks on the tide of events.

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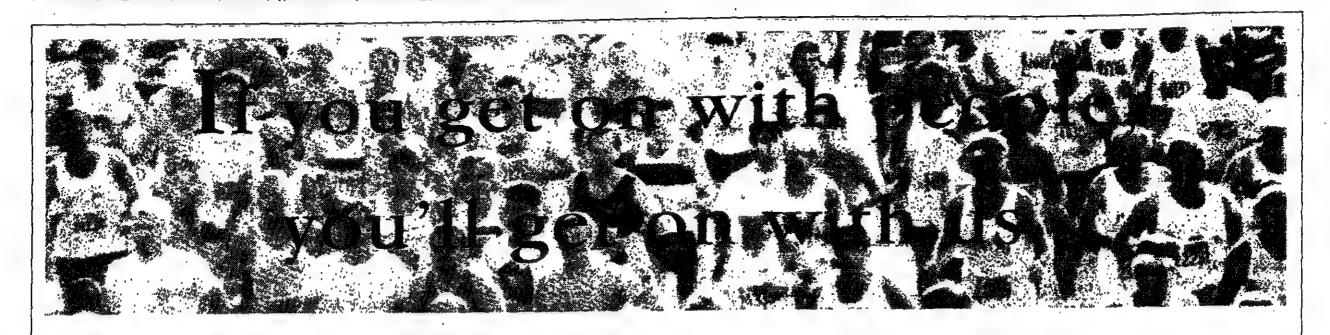
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Whether or not you see redundancy coming, there are ways of softening the blow. Jenny Woolf outlines tactics for planning ahead positively

coording to the French historian De Tocqueville. "chance does nothing that has not been prepared beforehand". But in hard economic times, although the majority of us still hold jobs, the idea of redundancy is in the air. There is no advantage in being pessimistic. but many employed executives are starting to feel that considering the possibility of redundancy is simply

a practical move. Company warning signs are obvious enough: falling revenues and sales, or encouragement for staff to retire early or retrain for other jobs. Sometimes people whose companies are weak can protect their jobs by taking on extra work or paying particular attention to cost-cutting; but, says Lewis Rushbrook of CEPEC outplacement consultants, "at the end of the day, if your company closes its Leeds branch and you're in Leeds, there's not an awful lot you can do."

Mr Rushbrook believes - without belittling redundant executives distress, or the practical difficulties they might face - that cultivating a positive attitude to-wards redundancy can soften its blow. He encourages his clients to think in terms of "owning" their careers, which may go through several stages with several different

The career ownership concept is replacing the old paternalistic sys-tem in which a company looked

Think before the axe falls

after its employees for most of their lives and made many of their decisions - even promotions and relocations - for them. "You should now think of your career as an asset that is yours, like your car. The sooner it is 'owned' by you, with all its ups and its downs, the sooner you can control it." advises Mr Rushbrook.

This new approach is echoed by career consultant Rob Nathan. "I definitely don't think the recession is cutting down opportunities, but it is encouraging people to dev-elop new qualities, such as entrepreneurism and ability to cope with change," he says.

As well as cultivating a more flexible frame of mind, there are certain practical precautions which people can take if they are concerned about their job. Peter Smith is the London Regional Director of financial consultants Hill Martin, who specialise in retirement and redundancy planning. He believes in keeping as many options open as possible if you fear redundancy.

"One thing we recommend is reducing or eliminating debt: that greatly insulates people from the effects of redundancy. Everyone should stop doing stupid things like borrowing on gold cards or credit cards."

Many people have redundancy insurance, although this is usually available only on loans and mortgages. Buying general unemployment insurance on the open market tends to be expensive, and benefits are not always particularly good. If you have unemployment insurance of any kind, now is the time to read

ome policies do not pay out in certain situations, for instance if you do not register for unemployment benefit. Generally, mortgage insurance is available only on new loans. and it is fairly inexpensive, a fact which stimulated Tynesiders John and Anne Wills to do some hard thinking. "We'd lived in our house for ten years, and it urgently



needed not repairs costing £2,000," explains Mr Wills. "Like most people, I suppose, I was rather concerned about my job, but after some thought we took out a new mortgage loan for £22,000. insured it and paid off the £20,000

further advance we'd taken out six years previously." So far, Mr Wills has avoided redundancy, but, he says, he feels easier in his mind. "We've got rid of the rot and a hig chunk of my mortgage is now covered by low-cost redundancy insurance. It cost a £75 arrangement fee to rejuggle things; it wouldn't be everyone's solution, but for me it was worth it."

As well as sorting out matters at home, there are useful things to do at work. Those unfortunate enough

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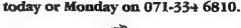
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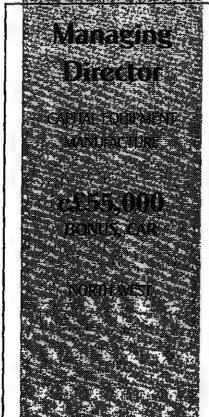
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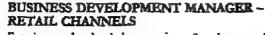
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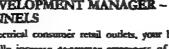


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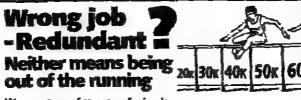
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Women trapped in training

The failure of women to become consultants is

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lmost equal numbers of men and women qualify from medical school, yet women hold only 15 per cent of consultant posts. Only 3 per cent of consultants in surgical specialities are women, and only I per cent of these are general

Concerned about this imbalance back in 1988, the Department of Health commissioned a study of doctors and their careers by Dr Isobel Allen. Her report made the point that in general, women medical students were more strongly motivated than men towards a medical career, and often better suited to a caring profession. They progressed well through medical school, house officer and senior house officer grades, but at registrar level they progressed far less quickly than males

As a result, a working party was convened to focus principally on three concerns: under-representation of women at consultant level; opportunities for part-time working, and equal opportunities in

At the 1991 launch of the working party report, "Women Doctors and their Careers", the government announced provision of El.5 million for several initiatives. These were to include new part-time training posts, increasing the fee for the doctors' retainer scheme from £155 to £290 a year (to allow doctors under 55 with short-term domestic commitments or ill-health to keep in touch), and the creation of a scheme to increase the number of women in surgical

So what has been holding women back? Why have so many dropped out from higher medical training? Male attitudes and patronage were perceived by trainees surveyed by Dr Allen to militate against surgical careers for women. The length of the higher training is another obstacle. It takes at least

nine years, or 11 in the case of

obstetrics and gynaecology. Peter Saunders, a Fellow of the Royal

The first part-time senior registrar: Bryoky Ackroyd in general surgery at York District Hospital

College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, who recently chaired a study group into recruitment and retention, queries the necessity for O&G trainees to obtain the FRCS and the MRCOG.

Disruption to family life is a big problem. In the past, training has involved moving from job to job every six months, with the result that 30 per cent opt out within five years. "We have got to restructure

the training." he says.

One of the greatest problems for women is the domestic pressure, so the college is keen to increase the number of part-time training and consultant posts. "This part-time concept is a novel one for established consultants. You hear people saying, 'She is only part-time'. It is thought a bit second-class. We have to change that attitude."

The health department has now produced a leasiet on part-time training opportunities. Demand for it has been huge; the first printing of 5,000 was quickly exhausted, and another 10,000 were printed. The aim of the programme is to quadruple the number of part-time posts by 1994-95. But part-time training is no

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easy option. It can involve a first and only part-time senior working week of about 45 hours. which would be consiclered fulltime work in other EC countries.

When the government asked the Association of Surgeon's what sort of population each consultant surgeon should cover, the answer was 30,000. The actual figure averages 80,000. In obstetrics and gynaecology, Peter Saunders : says, Britain has the lowest number of consultants per head of propulation in Europe.

Physicians are in short supply, too. The Royal College of Physicians, in its recent submission to the Medical Manpower Standing Advisory Committee, speaks of a short-fall of 2,1 it consultants in various specialities, against a total of 3,473 consultants. If more women qualified as consultants, these shortages could be at least partially remedied. Bryony Ackroyed, FRCS, is the

registrar in general surgery, and is the sole survivor of 11 people in general surgery who have tried to follow the part-time route since 1979. "Before you can get a parttime post," she says, "there are

several hoops to jump through." To get such a post, necessary because of her three-year-old daughter and 82-year-old mother who lives with her, she had to leave Scotland, where her husband is a

consultant, and move to York. Asked if she had met with male prejudice, Dr Ackroyd replies, 'Most of my female surgical colleagues say that generally people could not have been more helpful, although in one or two isolated cases they say they have been discriminated against. I do not believe that the reason why so few women are in consultant posts has to do with prejudice.

"It is the demands of the job. I get my daughter to the nursery by 8 am and am doing a ward round at 8.15. Some days I may not get away before seven or eight. On one occasion, I started at 10am in the theatre and got out at one o'clock the following morning. It was a great day. You get hooked."

Dr Ackroyd is a member of the RCS working party exploring the role of women in surgery. She would like to see more childcare ("it costs me a fortune"), more streamlined training and an end to the open-ended nature of training posts, which give no guarantee of progress from career registrar to senior registrar.

You can be stuck in a registrar's job for years without getting a senior job. The Royal College of Surgeons is working on that, and there is a proposal to abolish the jump from career registrar to senior registrar, making the whole of the training a con tinuum. I am also fighting to overcome discrimination against part-time trainees.

"I had to move from Scotland to England, and if I had been fulltime my expenses would have been paid. Mine, on the other hand,

LIFE AFTER REDUNDANCY

Honesty the best policy

history of mental illness who has been made redundant and is looking for another job is one worthy of Shakespeare - "To tell or not to tell?" Either course carries risks.

Unless you are dealing with a highly enlightened employer. letting the company know is tantamount to kissing the job goodbye. However, withholding information about your condition if it is asked for gives an employer the legal right to fire you if the truth subsequently leaks out.

Why are employers so medi-eval in their attitudes to mental illness? The problem is an inability to distinguish between a serious condition

and one that has relatively few effects on per-If you lie and formance. get the job, Kate Christie conducted a the pressure study on employer's attitudes to

mental illness could affect when she was the chairman of the you mentally Recruitment Soclety, a profession-

al body made up of employers, recruitment consultants and recruitment advertisers. She found "misconceptions and stereotyping" about the nature and causes of many

psychiatric conditions.

Although many recruiters were sympathetic towards the problems of individuals, they failed as employers to distin-guish between different types of mental illness and the effect these are likely to have on productivity and continuity of employment," Ms Christie says.

Among larger employers, where attitudes to mental iliness have shifted in recent years, the problem is more to do with uncertainty about the length of time sufferers will need to recover from each episode.

Mike Turner, a consultant acting as a medical adviser to several City firms, says: "Employers want medical problems to fall into two categories — either someone is 100 per cent

THE dilemma for anyone with a fit, in which case he or she should be at his desk getting on with the job - or unfit, in which case he should be at home.

The difficulty with the period after a psychiatric episode is that the employee is often well enough to return but only with shortened hours or a lesser

So what should job hunters in these circumstances do? If you are seeking a job, and you still suffer from regular episodes of the illness that involve extended stays at home or in hospital, think carefully before you withhold information about your condition at the

medical check-up.

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wrong.
If you lie and get the job, the pressure of concealing the illness could affect your mental stubility. A more sensible choice would be

to enlist the support of your GP or psychiatrist and discuss the problem with the company doc-

• If you are applying for a job and you have a history of mental illness that no longer affects you, or you suffer from sporadic episodes that do not keep you away from work for long, you may have built up a good enough record to argue that this is not preventing your carrying out your responsibili-

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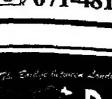
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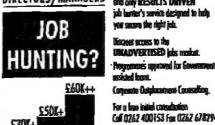
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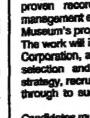
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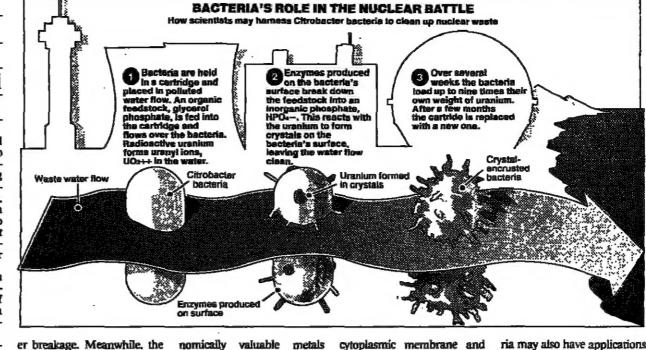
s ministers gathered in Paris this week to draft a new international treaty covering chemical and nuclear pollution in the North Atlantic, scientists at Birmingham University were drawing up plans to test a new device that uses bacteria to extract radioactive uranium from water and accumulate it.

The research, by a team in the university's school of biological sciences, is the result of about ten years' research into a member of the bacterial species Citrobacter. Studies, initiated by Dr Al-

istair Dean, a researcher at Oxford University, in the early 1980s, found that the species will act as a biological dustbin. extracting metals such as copper, cadium and lead from solution and accumulating it. More importantly, the bacteria, which incorporate the metals on their surface as tiny needle-like and granule-like crystals, appear to be able to ithstand quite high levels of

these potentially toxic metals. Recent research by Dr Lynne Macaskie and her colleagues at Birmingham University, St Mary's Hospital medical school, London, and Oxford University's laboratory of chemical crystallography. indicates that the bacteria are equally efficient at extracting radioactive uranium, americium and plutonium from water, opening the way for their deployment in the nuclear

By using the bacteria to extract materials such as uranium from waste waters, the scientists hope to concentrate radioactive metals and make them easier to transport and safer in the event of a contain-



er breakage. Meanwhile, the more radioactive substances that can be removed from a nuclear power or reprocessing station's waste pipe, the better it will be for the environment.

Dr Macaskie says she and her team are now working with British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) on a proposal to turn the laboratory studies into an industrial device. "You can cram these bacte-

ria cells into a cartridge and bung this into the outflow," she says. "Often standard treatments fail to get the last little bits out and are working at the limits of what can be achieved. We see this (the bacterial cartridge) as a new type of add-on technology, an end-of-pipe treatment. that could just be popped into

the flow."

Dr Macaskie says the cartridge and its uranium-extracting bacteria could be used for several months before needing to be replaced.

In the case of radioactive metals the bacteria could be taken away for safe storage. non-radioactive, economically valuable metals such as copper, the metalladen bacteria could be taken away to be processed and

Since the late 1980s Dr Macaskie and her team have been unravelling some of the sophisticated ways in which the Citrobacteria, organisms found in soil, work, and looking for methods of controlling their uptake of metals and

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> radioactive materials. The main achievement of the bacteria appears to be in the production of a phosphatase enzyme that catalyses a reaction between the water-borne metals and a feedstock of organic phosphate.

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The feedstock, an organic phosphate known as glycerol phosphate, is broken down by the enzyme to form an inorganic phosphate, HP04--. This reacts with the radioactive uranium, which is in the water as the uranyl ion,

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Now the work of a team at the University Hospital of Heidelberg, led by Dr Hugo Katus, has produced a new biochemical test, which appears able to detect problems other tests have missed. Dr Paul Collinson of London's Mayday Hospital has been using the test, which measures the presence in the blood of a protein from the heart muscle called troponin-T. The test takes advantage of

the presence in the heart muscle of a version of troponin-T not present in other muscles. Detected in the blood, this is clear evidence of heart damage. Troponin-T levels increase soon after heart attacks and remain high for days, even weeks.

The test, now marketed by perimenting with another bac-terium, which, instead of the German company Boeringer Mannheim, uses specially accumulating uranium as a crystal, turns it into an insolutailored antibodies to detect troponin-T. Dr Collison has tested 142 patients with angina, a heart pain that can lead to serious consequences. Among 38 who tested positive. 19 subsequently had heart attacks. Dr Katus reports similar results: "If there is no elevation of troponin-T, we have a good outcome, but if there is an elevated level, the outcome is much more likely to be bad." he says.

Dr Collison has shown that among healthy people, levels of troponin-T are never raised above the critical point, which shows damage has occurred. "When I started, I thought the test couldn't be as good as they claimed," he says. "Now I think this may be the true ria break down these chemicals into carbon dioxide and marker for heart damage."

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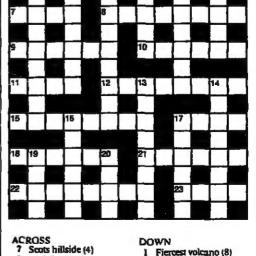
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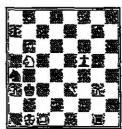
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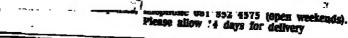
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The Solent Way. Bob Wellings continues his Hampshire coastal walk, today from Southampton to Browndown (r) (98273)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (4344415) 10.05 Playday (9156453) 10.25 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) (4347502) 10.35 Hudson and Halls. The Kiwis prepare plain English vegetables in continental style for their guest Patrick Moore (r) (5093811)

11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8812231) 11.05 ussles. The fourth of five programmes in which lack Pizzey looks at the Australian way of life (2478732)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7811076) 12.05 The Man Who Loves Frogs. A profile of Mike Tyler, an Adelaide scientist who travels all over Australia to find different species of

frog (2936618) 12.55 Regional News and weather (72914386) 1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (15958) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43882637) 1.50 Going for Gold.

General knowledge quiz game (s) (43886453)

2.15 Film: Village of the Dammed (1960, bAv) starring George Sanders and Barbara Shefley. Effective science liction thriller, based on John Wyndham's novel The Midwich Cuckoos, about children born at the same time in an English village who turn out to be superintelligent malicious aliens. Directed by Wolf Rills (1869163)

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3.30 Bugs Burnny Triple Bill (5921434) 3.50 Puppydog Tales
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begins a 13-part search for the Star Pet of 1992 (s) (6289811) 4.20
Get Your Own Back. The first of a new series of the game show
(s) (8616927) 4.35 Dizzy Heights (r) (8480908)
5.00 Newsround (2812521) 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (s) (9734182)
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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (811)

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6.30 Regional News Magazines (163). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Franklin (s) (3637)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (347)
8.00 The Russ Abbot Show (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9057)

8.30 Waiting for God. Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden star as

the genatric delinquents causing chaos in a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s) (1892) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news



lurder: actors reconstruct a police investigation (9.30pm)

9.30 Crimewatch File: A Chapter of Revelations.

 CHOICE: A spin-off from the Crimewatch series reconstructs the case of Ronald Harrison, a former headmaster and keen churchgoer, who was found murdered at his home in south London in 1990. The mixture of actors and real police officers is sometimes an uncomfortable one but once the convention is accepted this is a watchable tale. One of the keys to it was the victim's homosexuality, though a complex plot was to hold many surprises. The film is partly an exercise in self-congratulation since Crimewatch produced a crucial lead just when the investigation seemed to be running into the ground. This despite the programme being switched to BBC2 because of the Gulf war and attracting only a quarter of its normal audience. You should see the coppers' aces as they are told of the change. (Ceefax) (s) (399521)

10.25 One Foot in the Grave. A re-run of the first series of David Renwick's award-winning oldie comedy starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie. (Ceefax) (460250)

10.55 Question Time. On the panel this week are Lords Healey, Parkinson and Rodgers and Lady Brigstocke (335618)
11.55 This is the Day. As the Jewish New Year approaches the Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks reflects on a time of personal renewal (r) (s) (331095)

12.10am Law and Order. American drama series (r) (s) (4372903) 1.00 Weather (8325477). Ends at 1.05 2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (57926). Ends

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6.45 Open University: Quantum Leaps into the Atom (6621960). Ends

at 7.10 8.00 Breakfast News (9918502)

8.15 Writers' Houses. Peter Porter visits Newstead in Nottinghamshire,

the home of Lord Byron (9931453) 8.30 Play Better Golf with Peter Alliss (r) (85182) 9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather (34976521) followed by You and Me (r) (40525144) 2.15 Racing From Ascot, Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the Hoover Stakes (2.30); the Hoover Cumberland Lodge Stakes (3.05); the Blue Seal Stakes (3.40) and the Gordon Carter Stakes (4.10). The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer (5). Includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and

4.25 In the Making. A profile of Paul Nicholls, a trained textile designer whose main interest is working in wood (r) (8697892)
4.45 The 25th Anniversary of the Swimsuit. A film following some of the world's top models as they display swimwear in the competition to win the front cover of the American Sports

Illustrated magazine (964908) 5.45 This is the Day. As the Jewish New Year approaches the Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sachs reflects on a time of personal renewal (s). Repeated at 11.55 on BBC1 (248298)

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6.00 Film: Attantis — the Lost Continent (1961) starring Anthony Hall, Joyce Taylor and John Dall. Silly fantasy take about a Greek fisherman who rescues a beautiful woman from a shipwreck, returns her to the island of Attantis and is imprisoned by an evil dictator. Directed by George Pal (22347)

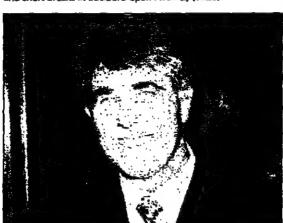
7.30 Hung Parliament. Iain Magwhirter reports on the paintings of politicians that are hanging on Parliament's walk (989)

8.00 Ps and Qs. Quiz series about etiquette and manners hosted by Tony Slattery. The regular team capitains are Lesey Joseph and

Tony Slattery. The regular team captains are Lesley Joseph and Jonathan Meades (Ceefax) (s) (2417)

Top Gear. A new series of the motoring programme begins with a test drive of the Dodge Viper and a report on the sinking values of classic cars in Europe. Presented by Jeremy Clarkson and Quentin

9.00 The Travel Show. The last in the series includes reports on Egypt and short breaks in Stratford-upon-Avon (s) (6328)



Not letting the truth spoil a story: Max Clifford (9.30pm)

9.30 Present Imperfect: Kiss 'n' Tell.

 CHOICE: A lively entry in a usually grim series profiles Max Clifford, a canny public relations man whose clients have included such griffriends of the famous as Pamella Bordes and Antonia de Sancha. Neither appears in the film, though even without them it offers a fascinating insight into how the tabloids get their stories. Among Clifford's boasts is turning Derek Hatton, erstwhile hard leftist of Liverpool City Council, into a champagne socialist. Never mind that the stories, of girls, night clubs and so on, were largely fabricated. The truth, as Clifford admits, need have little to do with it. His axiom is that anything goes as long as no one gets hurt. Away from the office, Clifford turns out to be a devoted family man with a life far removed from the tacky showbusiness world which provides his bread, butter and not a little jam (s) (12827)

Newsnight with Peter Snow (502453) 11.15 Late Show Special. An appraisal of the film director Michael Powell to coincide with the publication of volume two of his

autobiography (s) (205298) 11.55 Weather (326298) 12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook (5699816) 12.05am The Case of Kerala (4164361). Ends at 12.35
3.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (51019). Ends at 4.00 ITV

6.00 TV-am (5461415) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker

(6065434) 9.55 Thames News (7535163) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (7809298) 10.40 This Morning, Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on family health and woolcraft plus part two of the new eight-minute an episode soap. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (9535705)

12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series (5679182)
 12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (2647811) 1.05 Thames News (69969724)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (282521) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (281892) 2.15 TV Weekfy. Arme Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes (273873) 2.45 Take the High Road.

Highlands-based drama serial (1490106) 3.10 ITN News headlines (4346637) 3.15 Thames News headlines

(4345908) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (3441250)
3.50 The Ratties. Animation (r) (3246618) 3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone (r) (5926989) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club. Rolf Harris's guest is Oscar-winning animator Daniel Greaves (3259182) 4.50 Art Attack. Drawing and painting series (2205683) 5.10 Who's the Boss? American comedy series (9728521)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (236453) 5.55 Thames Help (r) (551540) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (279)

7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (8705)
7.30 Jimmy's: Real life dramas concerning the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leeds (415)



Making enquiries: Wingett, Etienne and Lloyd (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: On the Record, Off the Record. The Sun Hill boys in blue investigate a warehouse robbery in which a former policeman was a witness and ends up in hospital for his trouble. Evidence points to an inside job and the obvious suspect is a man with a record — but is he being framed? Starring Mark Wingett, Kevin Lloyd and Trava nne. (Orade) (7453)

8.30 This Week: Britain — Dead in the Water? A special programme analysing what happens after the narrow "oul" vote by the French

over the Maastricht treaty and an examination of the damage that has been inflicted on the economy. (Oracle) (5960) 9.00 Taggart: The Hit Man. Episode two of the three-part thriller starring Mark McManus as the uncompromising Glasgow detective investigating a murder which his former schoolfriend, now a notorious criminal, is the prime suspect. With James MacPherson

and Ian Hogg. (Oracle) (5705) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Carol Barnes. (Oracle Weather (84453) 10.30 Thames News (754637) 10.40 01. London and the south-east entertainments guide. This week's featured film is Harrison Ford's Patriot Game (s) (873453)

11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H, Risible Australian drama series (518304)
12.10am Science Fiction. The first of a new series of dramas concerning the world of science (4167458)

12.40 Affred Hitchcock Presents: Man on the Edge. A tale with a twist

starring Mark Hamill (3113458)

1.05 Film: The Hearst and Davies Affair (1985) starring Robert
Mitchum and Virginia Madsen. A sanitised account of the longrunning affair between the married newspaper magnate William

Randolph Hearst and Marion Davies, a chorus girl. Directed by David Lowell Rich (720106) 2.50 The Twillight Zone. A tale of the supernatural (r) (6789039)

3.10 Hardball. American drama series (r) (s) (2748361) 4.00 Motorsport Special. Motor racing action (49458) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (10380)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (97941) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (39800). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (5469057) 9.25 Schools (88717415) 12.00 The Munsters (D/w). Classic cornedy about a ghoulish American

family (r) (81366) 12.30 Flight Over Spain. Valladolid from the air. Narrated by Alan

Hargreaves (r). (Teletext) (982.19)

1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (96144)

2.00 Check Out 92. Judith Burns examines the rapid growth in

supermarket chains (r) (s) (5231) 2.30 Film: Crest of the Wave (1954, b/w) starring Gene Kelly, John Justin and Bernard Lee. Film version of the stage success Seaguily Over Sorrento about the clash of cultures when an American nay scientist is recruited to work on research into a new torpedo being developed on an island off the coast of Scotland. Directed by John

and Roy Boulting (95728298) 4.05 Cops (b/w). Comedy silent made in 1922 starring Buster Keaton (3252279)

4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game (328)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guest is author Marianne Williamson (7341960)

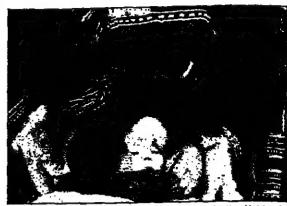
5.50 The Bunbury Tails. Animated adventures of a group of sporting rabbits (s) (541163)

6.00 My Two Dads. American comedy series (r) (Teletext) (s) (521) 6.30 Wridemess Edge. The final episode of the drama following the fortunes of a disparate group of young people on an outdoor

adventure course (r) (s) (873)

7.00 Charnel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zenab Badawi (Teletest)
Weather (687415) 7.50 Comment (803095) 8.00 Down to Earth. The archaeological magazine series examine

Stone Age monuments in southern England (5095)
8.30 Rising Damp. Rigsby is irrepressible when he acquires a new sport car but when he takes Miss Jones for a spin things get out of hand Starring Leonard Rossiter (r). (Teletext) (4502)



An uncertain future: a child from the Eveni tribe (9.00pm)

9.00 Nomads: Siberia — After the Shaman.

• CHOICE: Four thousand miles from Moscow, but still citizens of Russia, the Eveni nomads of Siberia are trying to come to tems with life after communism. Their economy, precarious at the best of times, faces new uncertainties as state control gives way to the free market. At least there is a revival of Event culture, which communism did its best to suppress, though the shaman, a holy man who looked after the travellers, is almost extinct. The film gives an intimate picture of a scattered people who live in the coldest inhabited area on earth and survive almost entirely by herding the wild reindeer and selling its meat, fur and antiers. The men work away from home and often do not see their wives and children for ten months of the year. But there are signs that the younger generation is starting to rebel. (Teletext) (3347)

10.00 Film: Too Young To Die? (1990) starting Michael Tucker. Courtroom drama based on the true story of a lawyer's light to

save a 15-year-old girl from the death sentence when she is accused of killing her lover. Directed by Robert Markowitz (210811) 11.45 Set of Six. Spoof documentary series (r) (s) (440618) 12.15am Film: Life is a Circus (1958, bw) starring the Crazy Gang as a

bunch of workers at a circus threatened with closure — until they find a magic lamp. Directed by Val Guest (668699). Ends at 1.45

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SKY MOVIES+

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 5.00am Showcase (5809927)

10.00 Silent Movie (1976): Mel Brooks spoof on the film industry (68927) 12.00 Fear is the Key (1972): Timiler based on an Alistair MacLean novel (81231) 2.00pm Car Wash (1976): Musical comedy

(422637) 3,40 Miracle on los (1981); Karl Malden 3.40 Miracle on toe (1981); Karl Malden plays an ice hockey coach (81567057).
5.00 Silent Movie (as 10am) (73921811).
8.00 Lethal Error (1991); Drama about a case of mistaken identity (82521).
10.00 Amityville 4: The Evil Escapes (1989); A family is haunted (748279).
11.40 Frankenstein Unibound (1990); Scientist John Hurt travels back in time and meets author Mary Shelley (517879).
1.10acs Hallower'en V: The Revenge of Niichnel Myers (1989); The psychopathic killer returns (260309).
2.50 Ordinary Heroves (1985); An American soldier is binded in Vietnam (805767).
4.25 Istanbul (1989); A journalist's daughter is indiapped (80864). Ends at 6.09

boy runs away from home (781057) 10.15 Arsenic and Old Lace (1942, b/w):

11.55 Sonny Boy (1988): A boy 5 trained to kill (766960)

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4,00pm Mr Ed (5785) 4.30 Punky Brewster
(4298) 5,00 Greenacres (5057) 5.30 The
Lucy Show (8250) 6,00 The Burns and Allen
Show (5163) 6.30 Three's Company (5615)
7,00 Designing Women (8521) 7,30 Barney
Miller (5927) 8,00 Mother and Son (4569)
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Hogan's Heroes (45540) 9,30 The Lucy
Show (34873) 10,00 kids in the Hall (13852)
10,30-11,00 Barney Miller (22540)

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 (75540) 8.00 Boots and All (83569) 9.00
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 Smoker (306714) 5.00 Torque (5892) 6.00
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 Motor World (2569) 8.30 The Boot Room (13231) 9.30 Snooker (640988) 12.30em
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10.00am Fashion Rie (34347) 10.30 American Garneshow (90927) 11.00 Gloss (33785) 11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (7444365) 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (2250540) 1.10 Lunchbox (68183637) 1.40 Self-a-Vision (84250453) 2.05 Remington Seele (2893892) 3.00 The New Newhyned Game (7250) 3.30 Berthy Hills Buntz (7999) 4.00 Dick Van Dyke Show (9724) 4.30 American Gameshows (45057) 5.30 Self-a-Vision (9950) 8.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (91144) 7.00 Self-a-Vision (723786) 10.00 Videos (2999298) 2.30 Top Rive (99583)

Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 4.00-6.00 Alex Lester: The Early Snow

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Mick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00
Susannah Simons with music and conversation
2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Schumann (CelPetroc Trelawney 6.00 Classic Reports with Margaret Howard 7.00 Classic Travel Guide 8.00
Classic FM Concert: Cleveland Orchestra under Christoph von Dohnänyl performs Ravel (La
Valse): Brahms Clymphony No 1) 10.00 Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

(355582) 10.40 A Little Piece of Heaven (573250) 11.10 WideAngle (193502) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (651453) 12.35-1.05 Hodson Confidential (3116545)

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(281892) 2.45-3.10 Love at First Sight
(1490106) 3.25-3.50 Take the High Road
(3441250) 5.10-5.40 Family Pride
(9728521) 6.25-7.00 Central News
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(573250) 11.90 1st Night (193502) 11.40
The Young Riders (547811) 12.35 Hoffywood Report (1921212) 1.05 Video View
(6393729) 2.05 America's Top Ten

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Olf Mustonen, piano)
12.00 Seethoven and Bartók
Quartets: Endellion Quartet
performs Beethoven (Quartet
in G, Op 18 No 2); Bartók
(Quartet No 4) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Rossini — The Forgotten
Romantic: The second of four

Romanta: The second of four programmes celebrating Rosant's bicentenary. Prague Philharmonic Chorus; Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Maurizio Pollini perform La donna del lago, based on Sir Walter Scott's The Lady of the Lake. With Katia Ricciarelli, sonrano. as Elena: Lucia

soprano, as Elena; Lucia Valentini Terrani, mezzo, as Malcolm; Dalmacio Gonzale tenor, as Uberto/Giacomo;

Dano Raffanti, tenor, as Rodrigo di Dhu; Samuel Ramey, bass, as Douglas d'Angus, Cecilia Valdenas

mezzo, as Albina: Oslavio di

(5715922) 2.35 CinemAttractions (6468274) 3.05 Coach (62885038) 3.35 Raw Power (3622922) 4.35-5.30 Central GRANADA

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HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Hay Days 10.40 Nature Watch: Turtles in the Soup 11.10-11.40 Science Fiction

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but it can help people not to reoffend 10.00-10.30 News; Rat Race (FM only): Martyn Read's dramatisation of the novel by Dick Francis (1/4) (s) (r) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only) 10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only), by John Bunyan (19/25) 10.30 Woman's Hour asks whether troublesome children are horn

troublesome children are born or bred, Incl 11.00 News

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2.00 That's Entertainment, Part Two (1976); Him clips (78913415)
4.10 PSST (1978); Drama based on the life of unon leader Jamry Hoffa (92562347)
6.25 I Could, Go on Singing (1963); Judy Garland stars in her last film (64512521)
8.15 Sunset Beat (1990); Four Harley-riding police officers partol Hollywood (16160724)
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11.53 Somny Boy (1988); A boy is trained to

kill (766960)

1.40am The Handmaid's Tale (1990):
Natasha Richardson rebels (604729)
3.30 The Dogs of War (1960): Mercenary
Christopher Walken seeks revenge against an Alman dictator (867583). Ends at 5.25

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

FM Stereo and MW. 6.00em Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Afternoon 6.00 Neale James's Mega Hits 6.30 News '92 7.00 Neale James's Rening Session 9.00 in Concert. Nanc Griffith and The Blue Moon Orchestra, recorded at the Cambridge Folk Festival in August 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes Into the Night 12.00 Bob Harris (FM only) 4.00-6.00 Bruno Brookes (FM only)

Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 4.00-6.00 Alex Lester: The Early Show

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6.00am World Sevice: Newshour 6.30 Danny
Bakers: Morring Edition 9.00 Schooks Let's
and Reading, 9.45 The Song Tree; 10.00 in the
News; 10.25 Wiggly Park; 10.30 Johnnes Walker; 12.30pm And Now Read On 1.00 News
Update 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1.25 BFBS Worldwide 2, 30 Sportsbeat 4.30 Five Aside 7.15 The
Worm Charmers, by Nicholas Fsk; 7.30 Formula Five 8.00 Vibel; 9.30 Cult Heroes: The Fat
Slags 10.10 Eastern Beat, and 11.00 Sport; 12.00-42, 10am News; Sport

All times in BST, 5.00am News in German;
German Features; 5.27 News Summtary in
German 5.30 Europe Today; 5.59 Weather
German Features; 5.27 News Summtary in
German; 7.15 The World Today; 7.30 Sports International 8.00 Newsdesk; 9.30 Network UK
9.00 News 9.09 Words of Farth 9.15 Good Books; 9.30 John Peel 10.00 World News; 10.05
World Business Report Live 10.15 From Our Own Correspondent; 10.30 The Farming World
10.45 Sports Roundup; 11.00 News; 11.01 Superpower; 11.30 Londres; Mid: 11.45
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3.00 News; 3.05 Outlook Live; 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Village by the Sea 3.45 Recording of the
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British News; 5.41 Tavel News 5.15 BBC English; 5.30 Londres; Sort 6,14 Look Ahead 6.20
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German; German Features; 8.00 News; 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Tonight; 9.00 News; 1.09
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As Landon recept: 6.75-7.00 Anglia News

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RADIO 3 Credico, mezzo, as Serano; and Antonio d'Uva, tenor, as 6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air. Adrian Edwards with and Antonio d'Ova, tenor, as Bertram 3.35 Brighton Festival 1992: Brindisi Quartet and the Brodsky Quartet perform Milhaudi String Quartet No 15; Octet for strings) 4.20 Piers Lane: The planist plays Albéniz (El Albaicin; Triana, Iberia); Scriabin (Three Studies, Op 65); Stravinsky (Three Movements from Petrushka) (1)

6.55am Weather
7.00 Da Air: Adrian Edwards with
music, news, weather and
travel, including Mozart
(Overture, Le Nozze di Figaro:
BBC Symphony Orchestra
under Colin Davis); Schumann
(Overture, Scherzo and Finale:
Berlin Philharmonic under
Herbert von Karajan); Schubert
(Rondo in A, D 951: MariaJaoa Pires and Huseyet
Sermet, piano duet)
9.00 Composer of the Week:
Britten in America. The Ash
Grove (Peter Pears, tenor, the
composer, piano); Diversions
for piano left-hand and
orchestra (Lifus Katcher;
London Symphony Orchestra
under the composer); Sring
Ouartet No 1 (Endellion
Quartet)
10.00 Morning Sequence:
Schumann (Kreisleriana; Olli
Mustonen, piano); Franck 5.00 in Tune, presented by Richard Baker from The Classical Music Show at London's Barbican

7.30 Kent Nagano and the Hallé perform Mahler (Symphony No 9), live from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester
9.00 In Memoriaus: Sir John Gleigud, in an archive recording, reads the final part of Tennyson's epic poem, in Memoriaum
9.20 Messalens: Martha Argerich and Alexandre Rabinovitch, piano, perform Visions de Mustonen, piano); Franck (Fiano Quintet in F minor: Clifford Curzon; Vienna Philharmonic Quartet); Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor: Alexander No 1 in piano, perform Visions de ramen 10.15 Bright as Fire: In the final London Symphony Orchestra under William Boughton); Dvořák (Rondo in G minor, Op programme, the composer and planist Mike Westbrook Dydrak (Kondo in G mimor, Op 94: Evzen Rattay, cello, Stanislav Bogunia, plano); Schubert (Impromptu in A flat, D 935 No 2: Clifford Curzon, piano); Beethoven (Variations on a Russian Dance in A, WoO71, Das Waldmädchen: Olli Mustagen piano)

talks about his arrangements of songs by the Beatles, and a saxophone concerto for John Harle (r) 10.45 Night Waves: Roy Porter discusses the British press with William Shawcross and Michael Leapman; and there are reviews of the London are reviews of the London Symphony Orchestra's premiere of Hidden Variables by Colin Matthews and the Museum of Modern Art in

New York New York

D South American

Discoveries: Odaline de la

Martinez introduces and
conducts the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra in the second of four programmes or orchestral music from South America. Galindo Dimas (Sones de Mariachi); Villa-Lobos (Cañcao des Aguas Claras: Anne Dawso soprano); Orbón (Très Versiones sinfonicas)

Versiones simonicasi 12.30am News 12.35 Close 1.00-2.00 Might School (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.00 Might School Extra: English study texts: Lamb (3)

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RADIO 4 examines Britain's relationship

(s) Stereo on FM
5-55am Shipping 6-00 News, incl
6-03 Weather 6-10 Farming
Today 6-25 Prayer for the Day
6-30 Today, incl 6-30, 7-00,
7-30, 8-00, 8-30 News 6-55,
7-55 Weather 7-45 Thought
for the Day 8-43 A Case of
Bananas: Royal Command, by
Ronnie Knox-Mawer (4/5) 8-58
Weather
9-00 News
9-05 Face to the Facts (r)
9-30 Oplinion: A Proper
Punishment? Aritur de
Frisching, area manager for
the Prison Service, argues that
prison is no solution to crime,
but it can help people not to
reoffend examines brigate a release sur-with Europe (s)
4.45 Short Story: A Natural Ending, by Nick Yapp, Read by Lesley Nicol
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Nick Reveil Show: The
Ladger. A sitcom for the
1990s (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 King Solamon's Tribe: In
Search of Sena. The Lemba
claim to have come from
"Sena". Tudor Parfitt follows:
the trail from Soweto via
Great Zimbalowe to Zanzibal,
unearthing clues about a "lost
tribe of Israel" (2/2) (s)
8.00 The Clash of Absolutes

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 CHOICE: The first of Condi-Gearty's two programmes about the politics of abortion about the politics of abortion deals with the situation in Ireland where the "right to life" victory in 1983 will soon be challenged by the "right to choose" opposition in another referendum. Next week's programme comes from the United States where the proand anti-abortion lobbies will be strident during the presidential election campaign.

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11.38 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with Roisin McAuley
12.25pm Trivia Test Match: Brian 12.25pm Tri Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 2.00 News: Dealing with Clair, by Martin Crimp. James (Bob Peck) is interested in buying the London home of Liz and Mike. Clair (Julia Hills), a securing perate arrent finds.

young estate agent, finds herself increasingly out of her depth as the deal nears depth as the deal nears completion (s) (r)

3.00 Down the River: Cliff Morgan completes his journey along the River Dee (r)

3.40 Poetry Please! Simon Rae's quest is Charles Causley (s)

4.00 News

4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews lbsen's Rosmersholm at the Young Vic, and an exhibition of British painting in Manchester exploring aspects of

ariosin painting in Manchest exploring aspects of childhood; and previews a nationwide celebration of youth theatre which also

rinchase Bakeyen of Again Christie's novel (s) (f) 11.30 The Honkytonk Man: France Wilford Smith looks at the work of blues plantst Walter Roland from Alabama (f) 12.00-12.43am News, ind 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World

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presidential election campain Gearty returns time and again Gearly returns time and again tonight to the statistics that drive a coach and horses through the republic's ban on abortion. Between 4,000 and 5,000 linish women travel in Britain every year to have their pregnancies terminated (s) 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? 9.15 Kalekdoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 100

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10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Taking at the Gates, by James
Campbell. Read by John
Branwell (4/10) (s)

11.00 Lord Edgware Diest First of 4 five-part dramatisation by Michael Bakewell of Agatha Christie's novel (s) (f)

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